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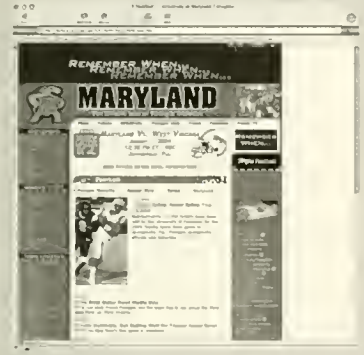
Additional Media Information

Maryland Athletics on the Internet

Daily reports from the bowl game will be filed on the official website of Maryland Athletics, www.umterps.com.

In addition, media can obtain news clips from throughout the 2003 season by going to the site and selecting Terp News Clips from the main page, and then clicking the "football" link at the top of the news clips page.



Maryland Broadcast Sportsline

Broadcast quality sound bites from coach Ralph Friedgen are available each week on Maryland Sportsline. Call (410) 451-4117 for recaps from each game.

FridgeTV.com

Fans and media alike can take advantage of a new, state-of-the-art website that goes behind the scenes of Maryland football like no other website. Ralph Friedgen;s "FridgeTV.com" (www.fridgetv.com) has highlights and game-week video footage from each of the Terrapins' 12 games from 2003 with access to the team's news conferences, practices, pregame preparations and postgame speeches

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Practice times and information are below and the guidelines are similar to the Terrapins' regular-season media opportunities. The first 20+ minutes of nearly every practice session are open to media while availability is dictated by where the day falls on the game week schedule.

Please note that media will be asked to leave daily practice sessions prior to the start of period four. In addition, availability post-practice will often be abbreviated due to time commitments associated with the bowl.

During bowl week, any interviews that take place outside of the normal practice and press conference setting must be arranged through the media relations staff. Player interviews should not be conducted at the team hotel or any other site without consent of the media relations staff.

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Bowl Week Schedule/Media Opportunities

Fri., Dec. 26	
Buses leave College Park	8:00 a.m.
Arrive Jacksonville Airport	approx. 12:30 p.m.
CSX Welcome Party (Terrace Suites, Alltel Stadium)	5:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 27	
Practice (first half hour open, players and coaches availability ***briefly***)	9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 28	
Practice (first half hour open, players and coaches availability ***briefly***)	Noon– 2:00 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 29	
Practice (first half hour open, players and coaches availability)	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wolfson Children's Hospital Visit (select players)	2:00 p.m.
Tue., Dec. 30	
Practice (first half hour open; Friedgen only post-practice)	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 31	
Walkthrough (closed)	9:45– 10:30 a.m.
Press Conference (Friedgen and selected players, Adam's Mark Hotel)	11:00 a.m.
Coaches Luncheon and Hall of Fame Induction (Adam's Mark Hotel)	Noon

Driving Directions – Jacksonville University

Maryland will be practicing at the Jacksonville University football practice fields. There exist potential changes in the possible entrance to the university due to construction scheduled to take place, so the instructions below are for media simply going to the university from the media hotel (Adam's Mark), and not specifically to the practice fields:

- From the Adam's Mark, go east on Water Street toward S. Hogan Street
- Turn left (north) on S. Ocean Street
- Turn right on E. Union Street
- Take the ramp toward Alltel Stadium/Sports Complex
- Merge onto US-90 Alt E
- Merge onto N. University Boulevard
- Jacksonville Univ. is on the left at **2800 N. University Boulevard** take the last (third) entrance to the university
- The practice fields are located behind the school's football stadium.

MARYLAND'S GATOR BOWL GAME NOTES

#23/24 Maryland (9-3, 6-2 ACC)

A28	at No. Illinois (Fox Sports Net)	L	13-20 (ot)
S6	at Florida State* (ESPN2)	L	10-35
S13	**THE CITADEL**	**W**	**61-0**
S20	**WEST VIRGINIA**	**W**	**34-7**
S27	at Eastern Michigan	W	37-13
O4	**CLEMSON* (ABC)**	**W**	**21-7**
O11	**DUKE***	**W**	**33-20**
O23	at Georgia Tech* (ESPN)	L	3-7
N1	**NO. CAROLINA*+ (JP Sports)**	**W**	**59-21**
N13	**VIRGINIA* (ESPN)**	**W**	**27-17**
N22	at NC State* (ABC)	W	26-24
N29	at Wake Forest* (ESPN)	W	41-28
J1	vs. West Virginia (NBC)		12:30 p.m.

** ACC game; + homecoming*

#20/23 W. Virginia (8-4, 6-1 BE)

A30	**WISCONSIN (ESPN)**	**L**	**17-24**
S6	at East Carolina	W	48-7
S13	**CINCINNATI**	**L**	**13-15**
S20	at Maryland	L	7-34
O2	at Miami*	L	20-22
O11	**RUTGERS***	**W**	**34-19**
O22	**VIRGINIA TECH***	**W**	**28-7**
N1	**CENTRAL FLORIDA**	**W**	**36-18**
N8	at Boston College*	W	35-28
N15	**PITTSBURGH***	**W**	**52-31**
N22	at Syracuse*	W	34-23
N29	**TEMPLE***	**W**	**45-28**
J1	vs. Maryland (NBC)		12:30 p.m.

** Big East Conference game*

***all caps** indicates home game; all times Eastern*

Broadcast Information

TV: *NBC:* Tom Hammond, play-by-play; Pat Haden, color analysis; Lewis Johnson, sidelines.

Radio: *Terrapin Sports Network (Noon)* - Johnny Holliday, play-by-play; Jonathan Claiborne, color analysis; Tim Strachan, sidelines.

Internet: Audio can be accessed by logging on to *www.umterps.com.*

Maryland Quick Facts

Head Coach	Ralph Friedgen (Maryland, '70)
Record at Maryland (years)	30-8 (third)
Career Record	Same
Offensive Coordinator	Charlie Taaffe
Defensive Coordinator	Gary Blackney
Md All-Time vs WVU	Md. leads, 20-19-2
2003 Home/Away/Neutral	6-0 / 3-3 / 0-0

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#23/24 Maryland vs. #20/23 West Virginia

Terps

Thursday, January 1, 2004 • 12:30 p.m. (EST)
ALLTEL Stadium, Jacksonville, Fla. (73,000)
TV: NBC Sports • Radio: Terrapin Sports Network

The Game

- The University of Maryland football team heads to Jacksonville, Fla., for its third bowl game in as many years as it will take on regional rival West Virginia University in the 2004 Toyota Gator Bowl. The game, played on New Year's Day, will be televised nationally by NBC and broadcast locally on the Terrapin Radio Network. Kickoff from Alltel Stadium is slated for 12:38 p.m. with radio pregame starting at noon.
- The Terrapins (9-3, 6-2) earned a spot in the bowl – which gets first choice of the Atlantic Coast Conference's non-BCS team – by way of their second-place finish in the conference standings. They were named the bowl's first selection on Mon., Nov. 24, following their thrilling, 26-24, come-from-behind win over NC State in Raleigh and then went on to beat Wake Forest, 41-28, after trailing by double digits in Winston-Salem.
- West Virginia learned its bowl fate after completing its regular season with a 45-28 win over Temple. The Mountaineers (8-4, 6-1 Big East) were co-champions of the Big East Conference this season, winning their last seven games and nearly running the table in the league (their lone loss was a two-point heartbreaker at Miami).
- Between Maryland and WVU, the Toyota Gator Bowl is getting two of the hottest teams in college football as the two teams have a combined record of 17-4 since Sept. 13 and have combined to win 16 of their last 17 games (Maryland nine of its last 10; WVU seven-straight to end the season).
- After spending nearly the entire second half of the season just outside of the nation's Top 25, the Terps made their way into the national polls after the close of the regular season. Maryland heads into its final game of the 2003 season ranked 23rd in the Associated Press poll and 24th in the *ESPN/USA Today* Coaches' poll. The Mountaineers are ranked 20th and 23rd, respectively.

QUICK FACTS

Location:
Jacksonville, Fla
Founded:
1945
President:
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Bowl Ties:
ACC & Big East
2004 Minimum Payout:
$1.4 million per team
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Swamp Notes -- Terrapins in the Gator Bowl

- This year's trip to the Toyota Gator Bowl will be the fourth in school history for Maryland and its first since 1975. The Terrapins are 2-0-1 in three previous trips to the bowl with wins over Missouri (20-7 in 1950) and Florida (13-0 in 1975) and a 20-20 tie with Georgia (1948).
- The Gator Bowl served as the site of the school's first- and second-ever bowl appearances. The first was the 20-20 tie with Georgia on Jan. 1, 1948 and the second was the 20-7 win over Mizzou on Jan. 2, 1950.
- On the heels of last year's Peach Bowl win, Maryland will head into this year's bowl game with an all-time postseason record of 7-10-2.
- The 2004 Gator Bowl marks the first time since the 1997 Independence Bowl in Shereveport, La., that a pair of teams will be rematched in a bowl game after playing in the regular-season and just the 14th all-time. In 1997, Louisiana State downed Notre Dame, 27-9 in the postseason after the Irish had beaten LSU, 24-6 during the regular season. Prior to 1997, Florida and Florida State played each other in the regular-season finale and rematched a little more than a month later in the Sugar Bowl in both 1994 and 1996. This season, Miami and Florida State will also re-match in the FedEx Orange Bowl after playing in the regular-season for the 15th bowl-game rematch.
- This year's meeting marks just the second time in Gator Bowl history that two teams have met for the second time in the same season. The first time occurred 58 years ago when Wake Forest got a rematch with South Carolina in 1945, a season that saw the two teams tie in the first meeting before the Demon Deacons prevailed 26-14 in the bowl game
- Maryland's postseason appearance is its third in as many seasons under **Ralph Friedgen**. It marks the third time that the Terrapins have earned a bowl bid in three straight years or more as the team went to six-straight bowl games under Jerry Claiborne (1973-78) and four-straight under Bobby Ross (1982-85).

Series Notes -- Terps & Mountaineers

- This year's Gator Bowl marks the 42nd meeting between the Terrapins and Mountaineers in a series that entered this season completely deadlocked but became untied after the Terps' win on September 20. The series – which began in 1919 currently stands at 20-19-2 in Maryland's favor.

- Maryland and WVU have met every year since 1980. The two teams have split the last 14 games of the series, but the Terrapins have won three-in-a-row and four of the last five.
- **Ralph Friedgen** and Rich Rodriguez each took the helm of their respective alma maters in 2001. Maryland is 3-0 against WVU in that time, but Rodriguez success has seemingly come after playing the Terps the last two years. In 2002 and 2003, WVU is a combined 13-3 in games following its loss to Maryland.
- As the all-time record indicates, the series between the two Mid-Atlantic schools has been very evenly matched over the years. So much so, in fact, that this year's victory at Byrd Stadium kept the two schools on pace to have identical records at their own venues. Maryland is 11-9-1 at Byrd Stadium and WVU is 10-9-1 at Mountaineer Field.
- This year's Toyota Gator Bowl will mark the first time in the history of the series that Maryland and West Virginia have met at a neutral site.
- The last two seasons, Maryland has dominated the Mountaineers from start to finish. This year, the Terps scored 34 points before WVU scored for the first time. The Terrapins outgained West Virginia 498-156, held a 28-11 advantage in first downs, limited WVU to 36 yards passing and outgained the Mountaineers at their strong suit – rushing – by 140 yards (260-120).
- Maryland put the '02 game away early, posting 28 points in the first quarter of an eventual 48-17 win and marking a triumphant return by QB **Scott McBrien** to his former school. From that point in the season on, Maryland lost just one of its final eight games while the Mountaineers also played well from that point on, winning six of their final eight following the game.
- McBrien and then-freshman TB **Josh Allen** were the story in the 2002 game. McBrien had a strong game, finishing 8-of-18 for 162 yards with one passing and one rushing TD (21 yards) while throwing no interceptions. Allen finished with a career-high 116 yards – a mark he just surpassed last week – with two touchdowns including a 70-yard scamper in the decisive first quarter.
- Only once in the last nine meetings between the Terrapins and the Mountaineers has the game's winner not scored at least 30 points (WVU, 13-0 in 1996).

Friedgen's ACCeptional Start

Ralph Friedgen

- **Ralph Friedgen** has opened his career as a head coach by setting one coaching record after another and as his third season in College Park winds down, he has once again moved himself to the top of the record books.
- Last year, Friedgen became the winningest second-year head coach in ACC history with his 21-5 record, surpassing Clemson's Ken Hatfield by two wins. With one game left in 2003, Friedgen has positioned himself at the top of the list of third-year coaches in the conference.
- With Maryland's win in its regular-season finale at Wake Forest, Friedgen became the only coach in ACC history to win 30 games in his first three years on the job.
- With the Terps' win against UNC, Friedgen – now 30-8 – set a new record for wins by a third-year coach in the ACC, besting the win totals of Lou Holtz (26-8-2, NC State, 1972-74) and Danny Ford (26-9-0, Clemson, 1979-81).
- With his team's win against Duke, Friedgen broke Bobby Ross' record of 25 wins from 1982-84, the Maryland standard for wins in three seasons.

Tenured at the Top

- With the hiring of **Ralph Friedgen** and Friedgen's ensuing hires of offensive coordinator **Charlie Taaffe** and defensive coordinator **Gary Blackney** prior to the 2001 season, the Terrapins got the equivalent of three head coaches atop one coaching staff. Though Friedgen is in just his third season as a head coach, Taaffe (Montreal Alouettes and The Citadel) and Blackney (Bowling Green) each bring significant head coaching experience to the table.
- Taaffe and Blackney were able to maintain success virtually everywhere they went as head coaches. While in Montreal, Taaffe guided the Alouettes to a combined 25-14 record (two seasons) and an appearance in the 2000 Grey Cup. In 1999 and 2000, he was named the CFL's Coach of the Year, making him only the second coach to earn such an honor in back-to-back seasons (Marv Levy was the first in 1974) and the first ever to do so in his first two campaigns. In addition, he is the winningest coach in The Citadel's history (55-47-1).
- Blackney was able to achieve success in his own right as a head coach at Bowling Green. In 10 seasons, Blackney won 60 games (third-most in school history), was the only coach in school history to win a bowl game (his Falcons won the 1991 California Raisin Bowl and the 1992 Las Vegas Bowl) and was the only coach to win more than 10 games in back-to-back seasons (11 in 1991; 10 in 1992).
- Now in their third seasons at Maryland, the three coaches comprise one of the most experienced triumvirates in college football. With their 88 years of combined, full-time experience at the college and/or pro levels, Friedgen, Taaffe and Blackney are the fifth-most experienced trio in Division I-A. Below is a list of the company they keep:

Rk	School	Yrs	Staff (Pos./Yrs. of Experience)
1	Penn St.	105	J. Paterno (HC/52), F. Ganter (OC/30), T. Bradley (DC/23)
2	Florida St.	95	B. Bowden (HC/43), J. Bowden (OC/16), M. Andrews (DC/36)
3	Mississippi St.	93	J. Sherrill (HC/34), M. Watts (OC/40), R. Cooper (DC/19)
4	Air Force	91	F. DeBerry (HC/35), C. Petersen (OC/15), R. Bell (DC/41)
5	**Maryland**	**88**	**R. Friedgen (HC/31), C. Taaffe (OC/26), G. Blackney (DC/34)**

Note: Totals reflect years coaching prior to the 2003 season, years as a G.A. or prep coach are not included.

Terps By The Numbers

.833

Maryland's winning percentage in months after September under Ralph Friedgen. The Terps are 20-4 from October to January in his two-plus years.

1st

The Terrapins rank in the ACC in four different defensive categories this year – total defense, scoring defense, pass defense and pass efficiency defense.

4

All four of Maryland's starting defensive backs earned All-ACC honors this year. (Williams and Foxworth were second team selections while Cox and Wilson earned honorable mention status). No other school had more than two DBs on the list.

10

Maryland players to earn first or second team mention on this year's All-ACC teams, most of any school in the league.

14

Points needed by junior Nick Novak to become the Atlantic Coast Conference's all-time leading scorer.

29

Average margin of victory for Maryland in its last two meetings with West Virginia. In four of the five meetings prior to 2002, Maryland failed to score 29 points, much less win by it.

31

Career passing touchdowns at Maryland by senior Scott McBrien, third-most in school history. With his two touchdowns against NC State, he moved ahead of long-time NFL QB Neil O'Donnell (26, 1987-89).

124

Team-leading tackles total by sophomore D'Qwell Jackson in his first season as a starter. With 13 tackles in the bowl game, he will have posted the most ever by a Maryland sophomore.

264.8

Average rushing yards by the Terps in the last four games of 2003. In that span, the team had backs eclipse 200 yards in two separate games.

Single-Game Bests

RUSHING YARDS		
Josh Allen, TB	257 vs. Virginia	2003
Bernie Fiddler, FB	13 vs. Eastern Michigan	2001
Sammy Maldonado, TB	88 vs. West Virginia	2003
Mario Merrills, TB	79 vs. Akron	2002
Scott McBrien, QB	67 at Clemson	2002
Bruce Perry, TB	276 at Wake Forest	2001
PASS COMPLETIONS		
Scott McBrien, QB	18 vs. Duke	2003
Orlando Evans, QB	7 at Florida State	2003
PASSING YARDS		
Scott McBrien, QB	349 vs North Carolina	2003
Orlando Evans, QB	70 vs. The Citadel	2003
RECEPTIONS		
Rob Abiamiri, TE	1 two times	2003
Josh Allen, TB	3 at Eastern Michigan	2003
Vernon Davis, WR	2 at Eastern Michigan	2003
Jeff Dugan, TE	5 vs Middle Tennessee	2000
Derrick Fenner, WR	2 three times	2003
Latrez Harrison, WR	4 eight times	2002/03
Sammy Maldonado, TB	1 vs. The Citadel	2003
Danny Melendez, WR	3 at Duke	2002
Mario Merrills, TB	3 vs. Eastern Michigan	2002
Derek Miller, TE	1 four times	2002/03
Rich Parson, WR	4 at NC State	2003
Bruce Perry, TB	8 vs. Virginia	2001
Steve Suter, WR	4 four times	2003
JoJo Walker, WR	6 at NC State	2003
Jafar Williams, WR	7 at Georgia Tech	2001
RECEIVING YARDS		
Rob Abiamiri, TE	8 vs. West Virginia	2003
Josh Allen, TB	43 vs. North Carolina	2003
Vernon Davis, WR	19 at Eastern Michigan	2003
Jeff Dugan, TE	91 vs. Middle Tennessee	2000
Derrick Fenner, WR	69 vs. Clemson	2003
Latrez Harrison, WR	109 at Duke	2002
Sammy Maldonado, TB	16 vs. The Citadel	2003
Danny Melendez, WR	37 at Duke	2002
Mario Merrills, TB	50 vs. Eastern Michigan	2002
Derek Miller, TE	8 at Florida State	2003
Rich Parson, WR	114 at NC State	2003
Bruce Perry, TB	70 at Florida State	2001
Maurice Shanks, WR	17 two times	2001
Maurice Smith, FB	18 vs. West Virginia	2003
Steve Suter, WR	97 vs. Eastern Michigan	2002
JoJo Walker, WR	99 vs. North Carolina	2003
Jafar Williams, WR	77 at Virginia	2001
KICKOFF RETURN YARDS		
Rich Parson, WR	123 at NC State	2001
Steve Suter, WR	101 at Virginia	2002
Jo Jo Walker, WR	97 at No Illinois	2003
PUNT RETURN YARDS		
Rich Parson, WR	51 at NC State	2003
Steve Suter, WR	142 at West Virginia	2002
Jo Jo Walker, WR	69 vs. The Citadel	2003
TACKLES		
Leroy Ambush, LB	7 three times	2002/03
Robert Armstrong, DT	3 three times	2003
Conrad Bolston, DE	2 two times	2003
Jamal Chance, CB	5 at Florida State	2003
Jamahl Cochran, LB	13 vs. West Virginia	2002
Curome Cox, CB	8 two times	2002/03
Raymond Custis, S	2 eight times	2002/03
Vernon Davis, WR	2 two times	2003
Ricardo Dickerson, FB/LB	6 vs. Akron & Ga. Tech	2002
Kevin Eli, DE	8 twice	2003
C.J. Feldheim, NT	9 vs. Eastern Michigan	2001
Domonique Forsyth, CB	9 at Florida State	200
Andrew Henley, LB	8 vs. Duke	2001
Reggie Holmes, LB	3 two times	2003
D'Qwell Jackson, LB	at Eastern Michigan	2003
Leon Joe, LB	14 twice	2003
Landon Jones, DE	7 at Clemson	2000
Chris Kelley, SS	4 vs. The Citadel	2003
William Kershaw, LB	vs. Akron	2002
Shawne Merriman, LB	Carolina	2002
Andrew Smith, S		2000
Scott Smith, DE	times	2000/03
Randy Starks, DT		2002
Madieu Williams, S		2003
Dennard Wilson, CB	at	02

A Wealth of Experience

- The coaching experience on the Terrapin staff does not end with Coach Friedgen and his coordinators. The Maryland staff, overall, possesses a combined total of 187 years of full-time experience at either the collegiate or pro levels.
- That total includes four coaches (excluding Friedgen, Taaffe and Blackney) who have been at it for 17 years or more, and the 187 years means an average of almost 19 years of experience per coach on the 2003 staff.

Coaching Connections

- **Ralph Friedgen** is not the only member of the Terrapin coaching staff with previous ties to College Park, though this is his fourth stint at Maryland (player from 1965-68; graduate assistant from 1969-72; offensive coordinator/offensive line coach from 1982-86 and the present stint).
- Defensive line coach **Dave Sollazzo** was a graduate assistant for the Terrapins in 1984 and defensive line coach in '86-87.
- Sollazzo is also one of several coaches with a connection to another school – The Citadel. Sollazzo played for (1974-76) and helped coach (1989-98) the Bulldogs, while Friedgen coached there from 1973-79. **Charlie Taaffe** was a head coach there from 1987-96 and outside linebackers coach **Al Seamonson** served there from 1987-99.
- Friedgen was actually Sollazzo's position coach at The Citadel. In addition, the head coach at the college at the time was former Terp mentor **Bobby Ross** (Bulldog head coach from 1973-77; Terps from '82-86).

Quick Hits v.2003

- Below are notes of some of the more interesting feats that have happened in the Terps' respective games of 2003:
- Maryland lit the scoreboard first in each of its first 10 games of 2003, but fell behind in each of its final two games.
- Prior to the North Carolina game – a game **Ralph Friedgen** sees as having turned his team's season – Maryland had either led throughout in each game or lost. In three of the last four games, the Terrapins had to overcome deficits of eight points or more to win (8 vs. UNC; 14 in the fourth quarter at NC State; and 14 at Wake Forest).
- The Terrapins have held half of their opponents off of the scoreboard in the first quarter this season.
- In **Ralph Friedgen**'s two-plus seasons, Maryland is 26-0 when leading at halftime. With the win over Wake Forest, he also moved to 4-7 all-time in games when his team has gone into the half trailing with three of the four wins coming against NC State.
- From an offensive standpoint, Maryland has been most prolific in the second quarter this season. In the second frame, the Terps have scored more points (133) than their opponents have in the entire first half (111) this season.
- Defensively, the start of each half has been Maryland's strength. In the first quarter, opponents are averaging just 3.2 points this year. In the third, they average just 2.6.
- Maryland's 61 points against The Citadel this year were the most by a Terrapin team since 1975, when they beat Virginia, 62-14. The margin of victory was the largest in a game since a 74-13 win over Missouri in 1954.
- The Terrapins' 39-point second quarter against UNC was an ACC record for points in a single frame.
- By beating NC State this year, Maryland ensured that it is the only Atlantic Coast Conference school that Philip Rivers never beat in his prolific career.
- Prior to this season, the Terrapins had only hit 40 points in a half once since 1980 (42 vs. Duke in 2001). This year's team did it twice (44 vs. The Citadel and 45 vs. North Carolina).
- Maryland's home attendance average this season was 51,236. Though the Terps' attendance this season ranks just 40th nationally in terms of raw numbers, but as a percentage of capacity, Byrd Stadium has been the third-best in the nation as it has exceeded its seating capacity (106.6 percent filled this year).

These Are The Days

- With its win over Wake Forest, Maryland has 30 victories over its last three seasons. That three-year win total is the best in school history.
- Maryland's previous best was when it won 28 games in a three year span, which occurred on three occasions: 1974-76 when it went 28-7-1; 1975-77 when it also went 28-7-1 and 1976-78 when it posted a 28-8 mark.
- Maryland has secured its 12th nine-win season in school history, dating to 1892. The nine or more wins in three consecutive seasons is a first in school history.
- Maryland equaled a school record set in 1976 with 11 wins last season. With a win in the Toyota Gator Bowl, it will join the teams of 1951, 53, 55 and Friedgen's first year in 2001 as squads to win 10 games.
- With a win in the Toyota Gator Bowl, Maryland would have its seventh double-digit season win total in program history.

Terps Among Nation's Elite

- Over the course of the past three years, the Maryland football program has been among the best in the nation. The Terrapins are 30-8 in that span with a 18-1 record at home.
- Maryland is one of just five Division I-A programs to win – or have a shot at winning – at least 10 games in the last three years. The four others are Miami (Fla.), Oklahoma, Texas and Washington State (which also needs to win its bowl game this season to reach the 10-win plateau).
- The Terrapins are one of six teams from BCS conferences to have won 30 games in the last three years. The others are Oklahoma (35-4), Texas (32-6), Miami (34-3) and Georgia (31-7). Non-BCS schools include Marshall (30-8) and Boise State (31-6) while three other schools (Washington State, Tennessee and LSU) can join the 30-win club with a postseason victory.

Just *Like A Tortoise*

- Starting 1-2 is never ideal, especially for a team whose expectations were as high as Maryland's coming into 2003. But after winning nine of its last 10 games coupled with the team's run at the end of last season, maybe it isn't such a bad way to start a campaign.
- Last year, the Terps opened 1-2 and then went on to win 10 of their last 11 games, running off eight in a row at one point before dominating Tennessee, 30-3, in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl.
- After a 1-2 start this season, Maryland is now 9-3 and headed to a third bowl game in as many years. Though interesting, it may not be irony that the team has again come back from the depths of a slow start.
- Since 1980, Maryland has started a season 1-2 (or worse) 10 times. **Ralph Friedgen** has been a coach on four of

those 10 teams (1982 & '84; 2002-03). The four teams Friedgen has been involved with have a composite record of 37-13 (.740) while the other six are a combined 17-47-1 (.269).

Idle Chatter

- Maryland's second and final bye week of the '03 season came three weeks ago. Seeing an open week, however, is something the Terps have been accustomed to seeing this season – on their opponent's schedule.
- For the season, five of Maryland's 12 opponents get or have gotten their bye weeks right before taking on the Terps.

End of the Line

- A total of 21 seniors are playing their final game as Terrapins in this year's bowl game. The class has been one of the most successful in Maryland history, heading into the game with a 35-14 record in the last three-plus years. The following is a list of those players:

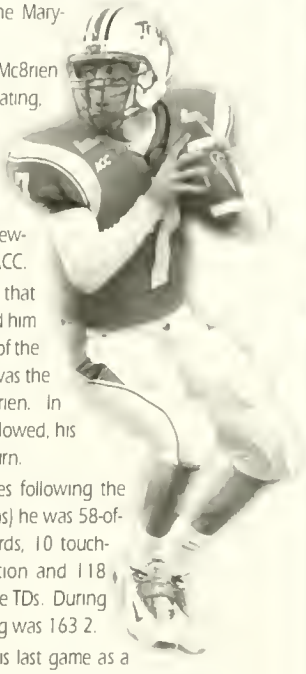
Name	Letters	Hometown
Tosin Abari, DT	*	Mt. Rainier, Md.
Leroy Ambush, LB	***	Frederick, Md.
Lamar Bryant	***	Clinton, Md.
Jamal Chance, CB	*	Ephrata, Pa.
Curome Cox, CB	***	Arlington, Va.
Jeff Dugan, TE	***	Allison Park, Pa.
Eric Dumas, OT	***	Atlanta, Ga.
Orlando Evans, QB		Stockton, Calif.
C.J. Feldheim	***	Hereford, Md.
Bernie Fiddler, FB	**	Swedesboro, N.J.
Latrez Harrison, WR	***	Atlanta, Ga.
Andrew Henley, LB	**	Riverdale, Md.
Leon Joe, LB	***	Clinton, Md.
Scott McBrien, QB	*	Rockville, Md.
Bruce Perry, TB	***	Philadelphia, Pa.
Andrew Smith Jr., S	**	Fort Meade, Md.
Scott Smith, DE	***	Philadelphia, Pa.
Ed Tyler	*	Franklinsville, N.J.
Jafar Williams, WR	***	Philadelphia, Pa.
Madieu Williams, FS	*	Lanham, Md.
Dennard Wilson, SS	***	Upper Marlboro, Md.

Running On Empty

- It seems like the Maryland corps of running backs has had a different injury to contend with all year, from **Bruce Perry**'s ankle at the start of the season to **Sammy Maldonado**'s knee to **Josh Allen**'s ankle sprain prior to the season finale. The one thing that the adversity hasn't affected, however, is the one thing that it would be expected to – the team's production running with the football.
- In the last four games, the Terrapins have run the ball more effectively than at any point in the last three years. In that span, the average rush output per game has been a stout 264.8 yards per game.
- In each of the last three games, the Terps have had a 100-yard performance and twice the team has had a back go over 200 yards.
- Allen's 257-yard day against Virginia was the top rushing performance in the ACC this year, the seventh-best in the NCAA and the third-best in Maryland history.
- Perry's 237-yard effort against Wake Forest was his second career 200-yard game, with both coming at Wake Forest (he posted a career-high 276 in 2001, the second-best rushing day in school history).

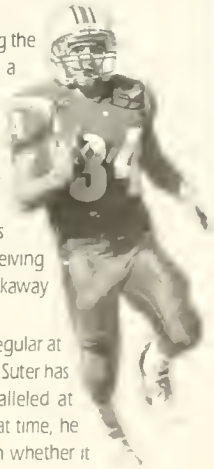
McNificent

- Quarterback **Scott McBrien** has been, at worst, a consistent force for the Terps this year, but since Maryland's win over UNC, the senior has been nothing short of outstanding in leading the Maryland offense.



- For the season, McBrien has a 137.1 efficiency rating, throwing for 2,291 yards on 152-of-281 passing while tossing 16 TDs to go along with six interceptions, fewest by a starter in the ACC.
- Ironically, it seems that a concussion – that had him sit out the second half of the Georgia Tech game – was the turning point for McBrien. In the four games that followed, his play took a dramatic turn.
- In the four games following the setback at Tech (all wins) he was 58-of-105 (55%) for 981 yards, 10 touchdowns, one interception and 118 yards rushing with three TDs. During that span, his QB rating was 163.2.
- McBrien enters his last game as a Terp 20-6 as a starter (not including starts at WVU).
- In just two seasons of work at Maryland, McBrien will leave the school with the third-most touchdown passes in school history. With his TD passes against NC State, McBrien took sole possession of third, surpassing Neil O'Donnell (1987-89) with 28. He now has 31 for his career.
- This year's UNC game was the finest of McBrien's career as he completed 15-of-25 passes for a career-high 349 yards, four touchdowns (also a career high) and no interceptions. He also rushed for a pair of touchdowns, tying his career best. Impressively, the huge numbers came in just three quarters of work.
- For the second-straight season, McBrien threw for three touchdowns against Clemson. It was the first time he had done so in 2003 but he went on to throw for three or more two other times in the season (vs. UNC and Wake Forest).
- Against Eastern Michigan, McBrien threw for 252 yards and a TD on 14-of-19 passing while completing 8-of-9 passes in the second half to rally the Terps.

Mr. Versatility



- After making his mark by tying the NCAA record for punt returns for a touchdown in a season last year and setting the career record for punt return yardage this year, some pundits view junior **Steve Suter** primarily as a returns specialist. As time has gone on, however, Suter's touches have come in returns, receiving and rushing, giving the Terps a breakaway threat from all angles.
- Now in his second year as a regular at wide receiver and on special teams, Suter has brought an explosiveness unparalleled at Maryland the last few years. In that time, he has averaged 15.2 yards per touch whether it

2003 ACC Standings

	Overall		ACC		
Teams	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**	**Streak**
Florida State	10	2	7	1	W2
Maryland	**9**	**3**	**6**	**2**	**W4**
Clemson	9	4	5	3	W3
NC State	7	5	4	4	L2
Virginia	7	5	4	4	W1
Georgia Tech	6	6	4	4	L1
Wake Forest	5	7	3	5	L3
Duke	4	8	2	6	W1
North Carolina	2	10	1	7	L2

Terps' In The Polls

Week	AP	ESPN/USA Today	BCS
Preseason	#15	#13	N/A
1 (8/26-9/1)	#15	#14	N/A
2 (9/2-9/8)	RV	RV	N/A
3 (9/9-9/15)	NR	NR	N/A
4 (9/16-9/22)	RV	NR	N/A
5 (9/23-9/29)	RV	RV	N/A
6 (9/30-10/6)	RV	RV	N/A
7 (10/7-10/13)	RV	RV	N/A
8 (10/14-10/20)	RV	RV	N/A
9 (10/21-10/27)	RV	RV	NR
10 (10/28-11/3)	NR	RV	NR
11 (11/4-11/10)	NR	RV	NR
12 (11/11-11/17)	NR	RV	NR
13 (11/18-11/24)	RV	RV	NR
14 (11/25-12/1)	RV	RV	NR
15 (12/2-12/6)	#24	#25	#24
16 Final Reg. Sea.	#24	#24	#23

key: NR = not ranked, RV = received votes, but not ranked.

Terps' Coaching Staff

Ralph Friedgen (f)	Head Coach
Gary Blackney (f)	Defensive Coordinator
James Franklin (f)	Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coord.
Ray Rychleski (f)	Special Teams Coord./Tight Ends
Dave Sollazzo (f)	Defensive Line
Tom Deahn (f)	Director of Football Operations
Charlie Taaffe (b)	Offensive Coordinator
Tom Brattan (b)	Offensive Line
Bill O'Brien (b)	Running Backs
Al Seamonson (b)	Outside Linebackers
Tim Banks (b)	Inside Linebackers
John Donovan (b)	Assistant Recruiting Coordinator
Brian Hickson (b)	Grad. Assistant – Offense
Greg Sesny (b)	Grad Assistant – Defense
Dwight Galt	Strength and Conditioning
Sandy Worth	Head Trainer
Mitch Wilkens	Video Coordinator
Ron Ohringer	Equipment Manager

Key: (b) = in coaching booth during game; (f) = on field during game

Where The Terps Rank

2003 NCAA RANKINGS

Team

Rushing Offense	
24th	195.5 ypg
Passing Offense	
61st	217.8 ypg
Total Offense	
34th	413.3 ypg
Scoring Offense	
36th	30.4 ppg
Rushing Defense	
29th	127.3 ypg
Pass Defense	
17th	186.8 ypg
Pass Efficiency Defense	
19th	106.42 eff. rtg.
Scoring Defense	
12th	16.6 ppg
Total Defense	
16th	314.0 ypg
Net Punting	
23rd	38.3 net avg.

Individual

Punting	
30th	Adam Podlesh, 42.6 avg.
Pass Efficiency	
33rd	Scott McBrien, 137.10 rtg.
Kickoff Returns	
46th	Steve Suter, 23.6 ypr
Field Goals	
6th	Nick Novak, 1.8 fgpg
Scoring	
25th	Nick Novak, 8.7 ppg

2003 ACC RANKINGS

Team

Rushing Offense	
2nd	195.5 ypg
Passing Offense	
6th	217.8 ypg
Total Offense	
4th	413.3 ypg
Scoring Offense	
3rd	30.4 ppg
Rushing Defense	
3rd	127.3 ypg
Pass Defense	
1st	186.8 ypg
Pass Efficiency Defense	
1st	106.42 eff. rtg.
Scoring Defense	
1st	16.6 ppg
Total Defense	
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Sacks By	
2nd	33

Individual

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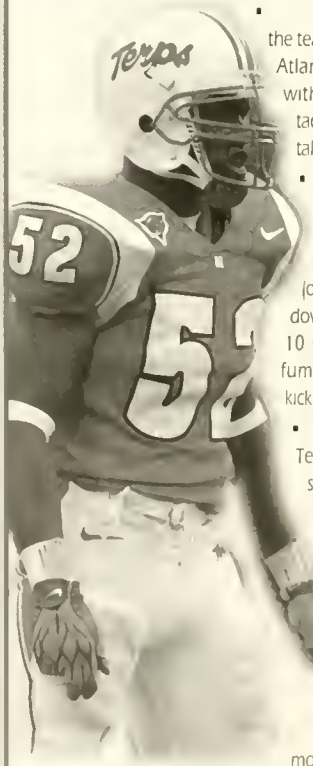
Field Goals	
1st	Nick Novak, 1.8 fgpg
Scoring	
2nd	Nick Novak, 8.7 ppg
Sacks	
2nd	Shawne Merriman, 8.0
3rd	Randy Starks, 7.5
8th	Kevin Eli, 6.0
Tackles for Loss	
6th	dy Starks, 15.5
Tackles	
7th	n, 10.6 avg.
Passes Defensed	
4th	12

be rushing, receiving or in the returns game.

- Despite playing nearly the entire season on an injured knee (probable meniscus tear in his left knee), Suter still managed to become one of four Terrapins to earn first team All-ACC recognition.
- A year after tying the NCAA record for punt returns for a touchdown in a season (4), Suter notched his first of 2003 by breaking tackles and then bursting free for a 75-yard jaunt against The Citadel.
- Suter also owns the Maryland career record for punt returns for a touchdown with five.
- Against UNC, Suter tied for the team lead with a career-high tying four receptions for 72 yards (he had a diving grab called back that would have put him over the century mark) and nearly had his first kick return for a TD this year with a 67-yarder. He also made a diving catch to give the Terps a two-point conversion that tied the game at 14 early in the second quarter.
- At Eastern Michigan, he posted a game-high four receptions for 84 yards, including a 45-yarder before halftime that set up a Nick Novak field goal.
- With 42 punt return yards against West Virginia, Suter became Maryland's all-time leader in punt return yardage with 922. He enters postseason play with 1,014 and stands just 178 yards from the all-time ACC mark (Ledel George, NCSU, 1,191).

Action Jackson

- In his first season as a starter at middle linebacker, sophomore **D'Qwell Jackson** looks more like his predecessor E.J. Henderson than a first-time starter.



- Jackson currently leads the team and is seventh in the Atlantic Coast Conference with an average of 10.6 tackles per outing (124 total).
- In addition to his tackle totals, Jackson has posted 7.5 TFLs, 2.5 sacks, two interceptions (one returned for a touchdown), two pass breakups, 10 QB hurries, one forced fumble and one blocked kick.
- Jackson has led the Terrapins in tackles in seven of 12 games this year. He has also had eight games with double-digit tackles (nine career).
- Jackson needs 14 tackles in the Gator Bowl to break the record for tackles by a sophomore at Maryland. The current record holder is Ratcliff Thomas who notched 137 in 1994.
- In his first return to his home state as a collegian, Jackson was easily the Terps' player of the game against Florida State. He finished with 11 tackles (five solo) and a forced fumble, but big plays were what helped him make his mark. On FSU's first offensive play, he stepped in front of Chris Rix's intended receiver, came up with the interception and rumbled 58 yards – running through Rix along the way – for what would be Maryland's only touchdown of the game. Later in the quarter, he broke through the line on special teams and blocked a Xavier Beitia field goal attempt to momentarily help the Terps maintain a 10-7 lead.
- In his debut as Maryland's starter against Northern Illinois, Jackson led the team with 15 tackles (eight unassisted), a TFL and three QB hurries.

Depth And Experience

- This year's Maryland squad is easily the deepest and most experienced of any during **Ralph Friedgen**'s two-plus year tenure in College Park. It is one thing that could be cited for the team's ability to regroup in its final two games -- both on the road – and overcome double-digit deficits.
- The 2003 edition of the Terrapins features 21 seniors, a stark contrast to the '02 Terps, a team with just 10 seniors. Of the 10 seniors on last year's roster, just six were starters at season's end.
- A look at the most recent offensive and defensive depth charts shows that 12 seniors are listed atop the chart at their respective positions.

Terps 12th In Scoring Defense

- After an uncharacteristically slow start in its first two games, the Terrapin defense has spent the rest of the season looking like the same group that has been one of the top units in the country over the last three years.
- The Terp defense finished the regular season ranked 12th in the nation in scoring defense (16.6 ppg) and 16th in the NCAA in total defense (314.0 ypg). The team ranks first in the ACC in both categories.
- Since 2001, only one school – Georgia – has ranked higher nationally each season in scoring defense than Maryland.
- Only four opponents this season have scored more than 20 points against the Terps.
- Ranked in the nation's top 20 in scoring defense each of the three years since **Gary Blackney** took the reins of the defense, Maryland has yet to see a year under his watch where opponents average more than 20 points per game.
- The Terps held opponents scoreless in 30 quarters in '02, second-most of any team in Division I-A football (Kansas State led the nation with 34). In 12 games this year, the Terps held their opposition scoreless in 23 quarters.
- Maryland held Virginia, one of the conference's premier offenses, to just 186 passing yards, 108 rushing yards and 17 points. Matt Schaub completed 50 percent of his passes, more than 20 percent below his average coming into the game.
- The Terrapins held Clemson to 10 yards rushing and seven points while intercepting Charlie Whitehurst twice (Whitehurst came into the game with just three interceptions for the season).
- Against West Virginia, the Terps held an offense that entered averaging 366 yards a game (and now averages almost 380) to just 156.

Nowhere To Run

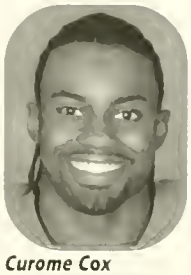
- Last season, all but two Maryland opponents were held at or below their rushing average heading into play against the Terps and on average, Maryland held its foes to more

than 57 yards below their season averages. The trend continued in nearly all of 2004

- Maryland has held its opponents below 100 yards in four games this season (and seven below 120).
- Eight of 12 opponents have been held below their respective averages coming into the game.
- Heading into the Wake game, Maryland's opponents were going for an average of 48.3 yards below their rushing average coming into their games with the Terps in 2003. A ground war with the Deacons on a cold night dropped that number to 13 yards.
- The Terrapins held Northern Illinois to 59 yards rushing, 141 yards below their average of the season before. In addition, the defense held Michael Turner – the nation's leading returning ball carrier – 69 yards below his average and held him to 51 yards and a 2.1 average in the game's first three quarters.
- Since 2001, Maryland has held its opposition below 100 yards rushing eight times.

The Four Corners

- Once a liability at Maryland, the defensive backfield has been a strength for the Terrapins since 2001. Heading into the Gator Bowl, the Terps are ranked 17th nationally and first in the ACC in pass defense, giving up an average of just 186.8 yards through the air per game.



Curome Cox

- Described by **Ralph Friedgen** as four players with "great character," corners **Curome Cox**, **Domonique Foxworth** along with safeties **Dennard Wilson** and **Madieu Williams** also bring extraordinary skill to the table. All four players started a year ago and all four have spent at least some portion of their collegiate career at cornerback, giving the team one of the most versatile secondaries in the country.

Domonique Foxworth

- Maryland was the only school in the ACC to put all four of its defensive backs on the list of all-conference performers this year as Williams and Foxworth were named to the league's second team while Cox and Wilson were honorable mention selections. No other school had more than two defensive backs on the list.

Madieu Williams

- Cox is currently fourth in the ACC in passes defensed with 12 and moved into a tie for seventh on the Maryland all-time interceptions list with his interception in the end zone against NC State, the 10th of his career.

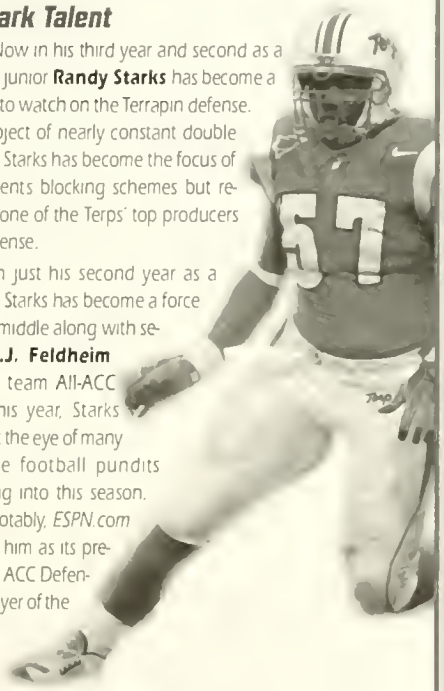
Dennard Wilson

- Between them, Maryland's starting defensive backs bring 129 career starts, 27 interceptions and 98 pass breakups.
- The Terrapins were the only school this year to hold the ACC's top passer, Philip Rivers, without a touchdown pass. They also held Rivers to season lows in completions (16) and completion percentage (.533).
- Maryland has held three opponents this season below 100 yards passing

Size-Wise

- One matchup that has benefited the Terps at times this year has been that of the team's wide receivers against the opposition's defensive backs, as Maryland possesses the best size in years at wide receiver.
- Of the 10 wide receivers on the Maryland roster most likely to see significant playing time, seven are 6-2 or taller. Three are 6-4 only the team's slot receivers are under 6-0 tall
- The Terps' next opponent, West Virginia, has starting cornerbacks averaging just over 5-11 and 187 pounds.

A Stark Talent



- Now in his third year and second as a starter, junior **Randy Starks** has become a player to watch on the Terrapin defense. The object of nearly constant double teams, Starks has become the focus of opponents blocking schemes but remains one of the Terps' top producers on defense.
- In just his second year as a starter, Starks has become a force in the middle along with senior **C.J. Feldheim** A first team All-ACC pick this year, Starks caught the eye of many college football pundits heading into this season. Most notably, *ESPN.com* picked him as its preseason ACC Defensive Player of the Year.
- The Waldorf, Md., native came up with a sack against Wake Forest, giving him 17.5 for his career. He now stands ninth on the Maryland career list and can move as high as a tie for second before season's end (three are tied for second with 19).
- Starks is currently fourth on the team with 72 total tackles. He leads the team with 14.5 TFLs, is second with 7.5 sacks, has three PBUs and 13 QB hurries.
- Starks recorded eight tackles (four solo) on a team-high 63 plays with a sack, a quarterback hurry and one fumble recovery in the Terrapins 26-24 win over NC State. Four of his eight tackles were stops on third down, forcing NC State to punt or attempt a field goal.
- The junior provided nearly all of the Terps' big plays on defense in this year's win over Virginia. He finished with eight tackles (five solo), all three of the teams TFLs and its only sack while batting down a pass at the line.
- Against Duke, Starks finished with a season-high nine tackles, 1.5 sacks, three TFLs, one forced fumble and three QB hurries while batting down a pass at the line of scrimmage.

Records Watch

ACC RECORDS

SCORING

Career Points

1	Scott Bentley (FSU), 1993-96	326
2	Sebastian Janikowski (FSU), 1997-99	324
3	Luke Manget (GT), 1999-02	322
4.	**Nick Novak, 2001-present**	**313**

PUNT RETURNS

Career Punt Return Yards

1	Ledel George (NCSU), 1990-93	1,191
2	Kelley Rhino (GT), 1999-02	1,135
3	Troy Slade (DU), 1973-75	1,021
4.	**Steve Suter, 2001-present**	**1,014**

MARYLAND RECORDS

RUSHING

Career Yards

1	LaMont Jordan, 1997-2000	4,147
2	Charlie Wysocki, 1978-81	3,317
3	Steve Atkins, 1975-78	2,971
4.	**Bruce Perry, 1999-present**	**2,424**
5	Rick Badanjek, 1982-85	2,417
6	Louis Carter, 1972-74	2,266

Career Touchdowns

1	Rick Badanjek, 1982-85	44
2	LaMont Jordan, 1997-2000	36
3	Steve Atkins, 1975-78	31
4	Charlie Wysocki, 1978-81	26
5	Louis Carter, 1972-74	25
6	Ed Modzelewski, 1949-51	21
7	Buddy Rodgers, 1994-97	19
8	(Three-way tie)	18
11.	**Bruce Perry, 1999-present**	**17**

PASSING

Career Passing TDs

1	Scott Milanovich, 1992-95	49
2	Boomer Esiason, 1981-83	42
3	**Scott McBrien, 2002-03**	**31**
4	Neil O'Donnell, 1987-89	26

SCORING

Career Points Scored

1.	**Nick Novak, 2001-present**	**313**

PUNT RETURNS

Career Punt Return Yards

1.	**Steve Suter, 2001-present**	**1,015**

note: Suter also is at the top of the Maryland charts for single-season yards and TDs

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

Career All-Purpose Yards

1	LaMont Jordan, 1997-2000	4,960
2	Jermaine Lewis, 1992-95	3,950
7	Rick Badanjek, 1982-85	3,406
8	Alvin Blount, 1983-86	2,885
9	Mark Mason, 1990-93	2,738
10.	**Steve Suter, 2001-present**	**2,718**
11	Willie Joyner, 1980-83	2,671

RECEIVING

Career Receptions

1	Jermaine Lewis, 1992-95	193
13	Bren Lowrey, 1986-89	89
14	**Jafar Williams, 1999-present**	**86**

Career Receiving Yards

1	Jermaine Lewis, 1992-95	2,932
9	James Milton, 1984-87	1,446
10	Russell Davis, 1981-83	1,408
11	Frank Russell, 1972-74	1,344
12	Vernon Jones, 1985-88	1,253
13	Mancel Johnson, 1993-96	1,240
14.	**Jafar Williams, 1999-present**	**1,236**
15	Dean Richards, 1975-78	1,194

Terp History and Facts

TEAM HISTORY

Overall — 111th season (1892-94, 1896-present)
564-492-43 (.532)
Byrd Stadium — 53rd season (1950-present)
174-100-1 (.636)

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
1953

ACC CHAMPIONSHIPS
1953, 1955, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1983, 1984, 1985, 2001

FINAL RANKINGS (AP; AP/Coaches)
1949 (14), 1951 (3), 1952 (13), 1953 (1), 1954 (8), 1955 (3), 1973 (20), 1974 (13), 1975 (13), 1976 (8), 1978 (20), 1982 (20/18), 1983 (NR/24), 1984 (12/9), 1985 (18/17), 2001 (11/10), 2002 (13/13)

BOWL GAMES (7-10-2)
1948 Gator Bowl, 1950 Gator Bowl, 1952 Sugar Bowl, 1954 Orange Bowl, 1956 Orange Bowl, 1973 Peach Bowl, 1974 Liberty Bowl, 1975 Gator Bowl, 1977 Cotton Bowl, 1977 Hall of Fame Bowl, 1978 Sun Bowl, 1980 Tangerine Bowl, 1982 Aloha Bowl, 1983 Citrus Bowl, 1984 Sun Bowl, 1985 Cherry Bowl, 1990 Independence Bowl, 2002 Orange Bowl, 2002 Peach Bowl, **2004 Gator Bowl**

Terps In The NFL (as of 12/4)

Brooks Barnard, P (NE)	
Eric Barton, LB (OAK)	LaMont Jordan, TB (NYJ)
Cliff Crosby, CB (IND)	Jermaine Lewis, WR (JAX)
Melvin Fowler, OL (CLE)	Durrand Roundtree, DE (WAS)
E.J. Henderson, LB (MIN)	Lewis Sanders, DB (CLE)
Eric Hicks, DE (KC)	Chad Scott, CB (PIT)
Charles Hill, NT (HOU)	Al Wallace, DE (CAR)
Shaun Hill, QB (MIN)	Todd Wike, OG (OAK)
Kris Jenkins, DT (CAR)	Frank Wycheck, TE (TEN)

Terrapin Council

Below are the 10 players who were chosen as members of the Terrapin Council for 2003, a group which serves as a collective voice for the players when communicating issues with the staff.

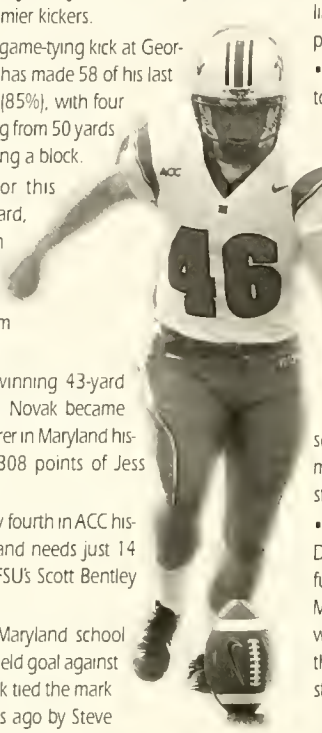
Curome Cox	Sr.	Cornerback
Jeff Dugan	Sr.	Tight End
Latrez Harrison	Sr.	Wide Receiver
Scott McBrien	Sr.	Quarterback
Madieu Williams	Sr.	Safety
C.J. Brooks	Jr.	Offensive Guard
Nick Novak	Jr.	Kicker
Steve Suter	Jr.	Wide Receiver
Domonique Foxworth	Jr.	Cornerback
Randy Starks	Jr.	Defensive Tackle
Josh Allen	So.	Tailback

Pronunciation Guide

97	Tosin Abari	TOE-sun uh-BAR-ee
81	Paschal Abiamiri	PASS-kul Ah-BE-uh-meery
3	Rob Abiamiri	Ah-BE-uh-meery
30	Curome Cox	cuh-ROME
75	Eric Dumas	DOO-mas
4	Latrez Harrison	luh-TREZ
14	Sam Hollenbach	HALL-un-bock
52	D'Qwell Jackson	dee-KWELL
76	Eddie Matto	MAH-toe
7	Scott McBrien	mick-BRIAN
80	Onnie Onwuemene	on-WE-muh-knee
36	Adam Podlesh	pod-lesh
16	Joel Statham	state-um
34	Steve Suter	with scooter
19	Jafar Williams	juh-FAR
10	Madieu Williams	[illegible]EE-ooh
13	Dennard Wilson	duh-NAI[illegible]

AutoMat-Nick

- Placekicker **Nick Novak** came on midway through the 2001 season and now, just a junior, is widely considered one of the nation's premier kickers.
- Starting with his game-tying kick at Georgia Tech in '01, Novak has made 58 of his last 68 field goal attempts (85%), with four of the 10 misses coming from 50 yards or further and one being a block.
- A semifinalist for this year's Lou Groza Award, Novak is 22-of-28 on field goal attempts this season. Just one of the six misses came from inside 40 yards.
- With his game-winning 43-yard field goal at NC State, Novak became the all-time leading scorer in Maryland history, surpassing the 308 points of Jess Atkinson (1981-84).
- Novak is currently fourth in ACC history with 313 points and needs just 14 to break the mark of FSU's Scott Bentley (326).
- Novak tied the Maryland school record with a 54-yard field goal against Duke this year. The kick tied the mark set more than 30 years ago by Steve Mike-Mayer (Sept. 29, 1973).
- A first team All-ACC in 2002 and 2003, Novak is currently sixth in the NCAA and first in the ACC with an average of 1.8 field goals per game.
- Novak has hit the only three game-winning attempts of career, beating Georgia Tech in 2001 and NC State in 2002 and '03.
- The Charlottesville, Va., native has made 64 percent (7-of-11) of his attempts for his career from 50 yards or further.



Off On The Right Foot

- Attempting to fill the shoes of your school's all-time leading punter is a daunting task. With his first regular season as Maryland's starting punter behind him, however, redshirt freshman **Adam Podlesh** is unphased.
- Podlesh is averaging 42.6 yards per punt, 30th-best in the NCAA and second-best in the ACC. He has also helped the Terps to the 23rd-best net average in the nation at 38.3 yards per punt.
- On 51 punts this year, Podlesh has dropped 43 percent (21) inside the opponents' 20-yard line.
- Should he maintain his current average, Podlesh will post the fifth-best average in school history and best by a freshman.
- In being named a second team All-ACC selection at punter, Podlesh became the first freshman in school history to be recognized by the league.
- Podlesh was a big part of the Terps' win at NC State, averaging 46.0 yards on five kicks with a long of 57 and two being placed inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

Adam Podlesh

- Punting into the wind on five of seven attempts against Clemson, Podlesh averaged 41 yards per kick with three going out inside the 15 and one going out at the Tiger one-yard line. He earned ACC Specialist of the Week honors for his performance.
- In front of the fourth-largest crowd in Florida State history, Podlesh averaged 43.7 yards per punt on seven kicks with a long of 52 and three downed inside the Seminole's 20-yard line.
- On eight punts against Northern Illinois, Podlesh averaged 45.4 yards per kick, leaving four punts inside the 20 and one inside the 10. He also had a booming 63-yard effort, the longest by a Terrapin in more than two years.

Homeboys

- In his first signing day with the Terps (2001), **Ralph Friedgen** said that in addition to landing some of the top recruits nationally, one of his goals was to make sure that all of the best players in the state of Maryland stayed in state and became Terps.
- Over the course of the past six years, the Maryland-D.C.-Virginia recruiting area has been tapped more successfully in each ensuing year. In 1997, just 23 players on the Maryland roster hailed from either Maryland, D.C. or Virginia, with six of those serving as opening-game starters. Since that time, however, numbers in both categories have risen steadily. Below is a look at the trend:

Md./D.C./Va.	*'97*	*'98*	*'99*	*'00*	*'01*	*'02*	*'03*
Players on Roster	*23*	*34*	*39*	*46*	*49*	*54*	*56*
*Starters**	*6*	*5*	*7*	*12*	*10*	*14*	*10*

**reflects number of starters in the season opener.*

Iron Terps

- For the third-straight season, Maryland boasted record strength numbers and again posted its highest number of student-athletes earning "Iron Terp" status. In preseason strength and conditioning testing this year, the Terrapins again set four team strength records.
- This year's Terps set team records for strength index, power clean, squat and vertical jump, improving on the previous all-time team highs that had been established since such records have been kept (started in 1983).
- Not only were new records set, but the team as a whole improved dramatically, as 84 percent of the players on this year's team elevated their personal bests in strength index – which encompasses all of the tests into one number – from the year previous.
- The player who set the most records at his position this year was the versatile **Steve Suter**. The standout wide receiver and return man posted records for strength index (768), squat (580 pounds), power clean (352 pounds) and vertical jump (42 inches).

Local Ties

- No Terrapin players call the state of West Virginia home, but starting QB **Scott McBrien** transferred from WVU prior to the 2001 season.
- West Virginia has 10 players who call the state of Maryland home: WR Milo Austin (Bowie), OT Chris Bassler (New Windsor), LB Mo Howard (Baltimore), DB Brian King (Damascus), LB Drew King (Damascus), QB Antonio Lewis (Waldorf), DL Chris Malamet (Frederick), DE Brad Palmer (Oak-

land), DB Jerry White (Rockville) and FB Moe Fofana (Silver Spring). In addition, LB's Leonard Merriman (Archbishop Carroll) and Eric Ruth (Dunbar) are from Washington, D.C.

- WVU quarterbacks and special teams coach Bill Stewart was an assistant at Navy in 1984

Scouting The Mountaineers

- It has been a tale of two seasons for West Virginia this year -- how it played before taking on Maryland and how it played after. In any event, the Mountaineers enter this year's Gator Bowl with an 8-4 overall record (6-1 Big East) and a co-Big East championship under their belts.
- The Mountaineers lost three of their first four games, including the 34-7 defeat at College Park, but things turned soon thereafter. The team took a lead late into its game with Miami, an eventual 22-20 loss, and then went on to win the rest of its games (seven straight) and pull off the Big East championship, its second since 1993.
- Offensively, the rushing attack is the name of the game for WVU. The team ranks 14th in the NCAA, averaging 217.3 yards per game. The passing game picked up in the second half of the season, keying off of the strong run game, and ended up averaging 162.3 per game.
- One of eight semifinalists for this year's Doak Walker Award, Quincy Wilson is the Mountaineers' offensive star. He averages 121 yards per game – 11th-best in the NCAA – and became the third-fastest Mountaineer to 1,000 yards (he currently has 1,331).
- Similar to its offensive counterparts, West Virginia's defense is much better in the run department than it is against the pass. The team is 34th nationally in run defense, allowing 130.7 yards per game, but is 93rd in the NCAA in pass defense, allowing an average of 249.8 yards per game.
- West Virginia has four players with 100 tackles or more with senior Grant Wiley leading the way with 158 (94 solo). Safety Brian King has also had an outstanding year, coming up with 108 tackles, six interceptions and 21 passes defensed.

WVU Bowl Notes

- West Virginia is 0-3 in three trips to the Gator Bowl and 9-13 all-time in bowl games.
- The Mountaineers last played in the Gator Bowl in 1997, a 20-13 loss to North Carolina.
- In eight meetings all-time against the ACC in bowl games, WVU is 1-7
- West Virginia's meeting with Clemson in 1989 set the Gator Bowl and Alltel Stadium attendance record as 81,911 saw the Tigers defeat the Mountaineers.

WVU's Rich Rodriguez

- Rich Rodriguez is in his third year as the head coach at West Virginia. He owns a 20-16 record in his first stint as a head coach and has had two straight strong seasons in Morgantown. In 2002, the Mountaineers finished 9-4, earning a bid in the Continental Tire Bowl and the team is 8-4 this year and Big East co-champs.
- Rodriguez is WVU's 31st head coach after coming to Morgantown following two successful two-year stints serving under Tommy Bowden. The first was as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Tulane in 1997 and '98. In 1999 and 2000, he served under Bowden as offensive coordinator and associate head coach at Clemson.

Rich Rodriguez

- In their years together, Rodriguez and Bowden took little time to turn things around at Tulane and Clemson. At both schools, teams struggled somewhat in year one (a combined 13-10 record) only to have strong second years (21-3).
- The best year Rodriguez had as an assistant was at Tulane in 1998 when the Green Wave rode the strong play of quarterback Shaun King to a perfect 12-0 record and a berth in the Liberty Bowl.
- A native of Grant Town, W. Va., Rodriguez was a three-time letterwinner at defensive back for WVU from '82-84

Byrd-fection

- With Maryland's win over Virginia on Nov 13, the Terps finished the 2003 season with a perfect 6-0 record at home, marking the second time in **Ralph Friedgen**'s three-year tenure that the team has finished its home slate unblemished.
- In 111 seasons of football, Maryland has finished undefeated at home 19 times. Just seven of those occasions, however, have come since 1950 (when Byrd Stadium opened) and just three times has it happened since 1975 (1976, 2001 and 2003).
- The Terrapins' 6-0 mark is a tie for the second-best record at home in school history. The 1976 team was also 6-0, only to be trumped by the 2001 team which won all of its games on a seven-game home slate.

A Class Act

- The success of the Maryland football team has not stopped on the playing field in recent years, as the team has improved its academic standing under **Ralph Friedgen**'s watch.
- A total of 23 of Maryland's 24 players who count as part of this year's senior class are on schedule to earn their degrees on time.
- Five players on this year's team – OG **Ed Tyler**, OG **Lamar Bryant,** CB **Curome Cox,** TE **Jeff Dugan** and DT **Tosin Abari** – have already earned their degrees.
- Tyler earned his degree in economics prior to last season, finishing his course work in just three years. He is currently pursuing a second degree (history).
- From the membership has its benefits file: Friedgen lets players line up to eat by grade point average. The Terps must be hungry – 24 players earned a 3.5 grade point average or better in the spring of 2003

Building For The Future

- When the Terrapins took the field at Byrd Stadium this year, changes were still taking place at the site that has been home to the Terps since 1950. Some will be apparent as soon as one sets foot in the stadium and others would only be noticeable to the men who wear the Maryland colors on game day.
- After getting a state-of-the-art scoreboard and a new academics unit a year ago, the renovation has now moved on to improving other areas. Included in the changes are a remodeled weight room and a dining hall, a hall of fame area and a team meeting auditorium.
- In addition to the bright visible new video board, it may go overlooked by some that expansion has already taken place on the building below it, the Gossett Football Team House. Thus far, the coaches' offices have been refurbished as have meeting rooms and the equipment room.
- One other change noticeable at the start of fall camp and appreciated by players and coaches alike was the Terps' new practice facility, which features two state-of-the-art grass fields and a field turf, perfect for weeks when Maryland plays on an artificial surface.

A 25-Year Holliday

Johnny Holliday

- "Voice of the Terps" **Johnny Holliday** is celebrating his silver anniversary with Maryland this year, as the broadcaster is in his 25th season as the key cog in the Terp broadcast team.
- With a long list of credentials that includes covering numerous summer and winter Olympics and the Masters, the Terps' director of broadcasting may be best known to some fans from his days as a disc jockey in Cleveland, work which ultimately landed him in that town's Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and most recently (Oct 5) in the Radio & Television Broadcasters' Hall of Fame.

Season Ticket Sales Climbing

- In the last two years, season ticket sales for Terp football games have moved dramatically higher.
- Prior to the start of the season, the total sold was 28,350, an improvement of almost 10,000 tickets from Ralph Friedgen's first season in College Park and more than 12,000 more sold than in 1999
- Maryland had six home games this year with attendance going over the 50,000 mark in each of the six games. It is the first time in school history that has happened in any one season.

MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA SERIES

STATISTICAL COMPARISON

Terps vs. Mountaineers

TEAM COMPARISONS

Maryland	Category	West Virginia
195.5	Rushing Offense	217.2
217.8	Passing Offense	162.3
413.3	Total Offense	379.6
30.4	Scoring Offense	30.8
127.2	Rushing Defense	130.7
186.8	Passing Defense	249.8
314.0	Total Defense	380.4
16.6	Scoring Defense	21.3
71-164 (43%)	Third Down Conv.	57-170 (34%)
6-8 (75%)	Fourth Down Conv.	6-15 (40%)
33-257	Sacks By-Yards	16-97
19-118	Sacks Allowed	12-76
76-652	Penalties-Yards	98-884
25-11	Fumbles-Lost	25-10
30:24	Avg. Time of Poss.	31:10

WEST VIRGINIA STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing	*G*	*Att.*	*Net*	*Avg.*	*TD*	*YPG*
Quincy Wilson	11	270	1,331	4.9	12	121.0
Kay-Jay Harris	11	85	468	5.5	4	42.5
Rasheed Marshall	11	93	268	2.9	3	24.4

Passing	*G*	*A-C-I*	*Pct.*	*Yds.*	*TD*	*YPG*
Rasheed Marshall	11	199-99-8	.497	1,642	15	149.3
Charles Hales	5	33-19-0	.576	306	4	61.2

Receiving	*G*	*Rec.*	*Yds.*	*Avg.*	*TD*	*YPG*
Chris Henry	11	38	960	25.3	10	87.3
Miquelle Henderson	8	17	204	12.0	2	25.5
Travis Garvin	10	16	307	19.2	2	30.7
Quincy Wilson	11	13	100	7.7	1	9.1
Aaron Neal	3	7	76	10.9	1	25.3

In The Trenches

Below is a comparison - based on the average size of each team's starters - of Maryland and West Virginia's offensive and defensive lines.

6-5, 305 lbs.	**6-4, 283 lbs.**
Terp O-Line	**Terp D-Line**
vs.	**vs.**
WVU D-Line	**WVU O-Line**
6-3, 273 lbs.	**6-4, 292 lbs.**

LAST MEETING

Sept. 20, 2003

Maryland 34, West Virginia 7

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Maryland dominated the first three quarters offensively and defensively, scoring 34 straight points before allowing a late West Virginia touchdown, in beating the Mountaineers before a sellout crowd at Byrd Stadium.

The Terrapins outgained the Mountaineers, 498-156, and held a 28-11 edge in first downs in controlling both sides of the ball. Maryland had 260 yards on the ground, getting a balanced rushing attack with four different ballcarriers gaining at least 47 yards.

Sammy Maldonado finished with 88 yards, Bruce Perry gained 79 yards and scored a pair of touchdowns, Josh Allen had 54 yards and a score, while quarterback Scott McBrien finished with 47 yards rushing. McBrien also had 220 yards through the air, including his first touchdown pass of the season with a 25-yard strike to Latrez Harrison early in the fourth quarter.

Maryland took the opening kickoff and went 14 plays before a drive stalled. Nick Novak missed a 52-yard field goal attempt, his first missed kick of the season.

The Terps held West Virginia to a three-and-out to set up a 52-yard, five-play scoring drive that ended with a 4-yard TD run by Perry.

WVU picked up one first down on its next possession, but was forced to punt. Maryland then made it 10-0 on a 41-yard field goal by Novak. The Terps' next two possessions ended in a 2-yard scoring run by Allen and a 32-yard field goal by Novak with six seconds left in the first half.

By halftime, Maryland held a 279-58 edge in total offense, and held the ball for 19:46 over the first two quarters.

Maryland scored on its second series of the third quarter, as Perry went in from 12 yards out to make it 27-0. Just 1:15 into the final quarter, the score improved to 34-0 on McBrien's pass to Harrison.

West Virginia, which got 71 yards rushing and 13 yards receiving from Quincy Wilson, averted the shutout when Kay-Jay Harrison scored on a 13-yard run with 4:02 left in the game. The score capped a six-play, 50-yard drive. The Mountaineers had 78 of their 156 yards of total offense in the fourth quarter.

Sophomore middle linebacker D'Qwell Jackson led a strong defensive effort with 10 tackles, including a sack. Kevin Eli, making his first career start at defensive end, finished the game with a pair of sacks.

Box Score

	1st	*2nd*	*3rd*	*4th*	*Final*
West Virginia (1-3)	**0**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**7**
MARYLAND (2-2)	**7**	**13**	**7**	**7**	**34**

First Quarter
MD - Bruce Perry 4 run (Nick Novak kick), 4:38
Second Quarter
MD - FG Nick Novak 41, 10:29
MD - Josh Allen 2 run (Novak kick), 2:23
MD - FG Nick Novak 32, 0:06
Third Quarter
MD - Bruce Perry 12 run (Novak kick), 3:40
Fourth Quarter
MD - Latrez Harrison 25 pass fr Scott McBrien (Novak kick), 13:45
WV - Kay-Jay Harris 13 run (Brad Cooper kick), 4:02

	WV	MD
First Downs	11	28
Rushes-Yards	39-120	49-260
Comp-Att-Int	3-12-0	15-26-1
Passing Yards	36	238
Return Yards	147	67
Punts	9-41.0	1-58.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	9-80	10-80
Sacks By-Yards Lost	2-17	4-24
Time of Possession	26:04	33:56

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - West Virginia: Quincy Wilson 20-71, Kay-Jay Harris 4-34, Charles Hales 4-16, Erick Phillips 3-10, Rasheed Marshall 8-minus 11, Maryland: Sammy Maldonado 13-88, Bruce Perry 14-79, Josh Allen 16-54, Scott McBrien 4-47, Steve Suter 1-1, Orlando Evans 1-minus 9

PASSING - West Virginia: Rasheed Marshall 2-7-0-25, Charles Hales 1-5-0-11, Maryland: Scott McBrien 14-25-1-220, Orlando Evans 1-1-0-18

RECEIVING - West Virginia: Quincy Wilson 2-13, Miquelle Henderson 1-23, Maryland: Latrez Harrison 4-88, Jeff Dugan 3-50, Jo Jo Walker 2-33, Josh Allen 1-19, Maurice Smith 1-18, Derrick Fenner 1-15, Rich Parson 1-12, Rob Abiamiri 1-8, Bruce Perry 1-minus 5

TACKLES - West Virginia: Leandre Washington 7-4-11, Grant Wiley 6-3-9, Anthony Mims 7-0-7, Adam Jones 5-2-7, Fred Blueford 2-4-6, Maryland: D. Jackson 10-2-12, M. Williams 5-3-8, Joe 2-5-7, Stults 2-4-6, Merriman 4-1-5, Eli 3-2-5, Ambush 3-1-4, Feldheim 1-3-4

ATT: 51,973. WEATHER: 81 degrees, high clouds.

SERIES HISTORY vs. West Virginia

Series Record:
Maryland leads, 20-19-2
Series at Maryland:
Maryland leads, 11-9-1
Series at West Virginia:
West Virginia leads 10-9-1
Neutral:
Gator Bowl will be first meeting
First Meeting:
1919, West Virginia, 27-0
Last Terrapin Win at Maryland:
2003 (34-7)
Last Terrapin Win at West Virginia:
2002 (48-17)
Last Mountaineer Win at Maryland:
1997 (31-14)
Last Mountaineer Win at West Virginia:
2000 (30-17)
Current Series Streak:
Maryland has won three
Maryland's Largest Victory Margin:
47 (54-7, 1951)
West Virginia's Largest Victory Margin:
31 (55-24, 1988)

HOW THEY FARED AND WHO'S NEXT

MARYLAND (9-3, 6-2 ACC)

Last Week: beat Wake Forest, 41-28
Next Game: vs. West Virginia (Gator Bowl)

Aug. 28 ***at Northern Illinois (10-2, 6-2 MAC)***
Last Game: beat Eastern Michigan, 38-24
Next Game: regular season concluded

Sept. 6 ***at Florida State (10-2, 7-1 ACC)***
Last Game: beat Florida, 38-34
Next Game: TBA, regular season concluded

Sept. 13 ***The Citadel (6-6, 5-4 Southern)***
Last Game: lost to ETSU, 16-13
Next Game: season concluded

Sept. 20 ***West Virginia (8-4, 6-1 Big East)***
Last Game: beat Temple, 45-28
Next Game: vs. Maryland, Gator Bowl

Sept. 27 ***at Eastern Michigan (3-8, 2-5 MAC)***
Last Game: lost to Northern Illinois, 16-13
Next Game: regular season concluded

Oct. 4 ***Clemson (8-4, 6-3 ACC)***
Last Game: beat South Carolina, 63-17
Next Game: vs. TBA, Peach Bowl

Oct. 11 ***Duke (4-8, 2-6 ACC)***
Last Game: beat North Carolina, 30-22
Next Game: season concluded

Oct. 25 ***at Georgia Tech (6-6, 4-4 ACC)***
Last Game: lost to Georgia, 34-17
Next Game: vs. Tulsa, Humanitarian Bowl

Nov. 1 ***North Carolina (2-10, 1-7 ACC)***
Last Game: lost to Duke, 30-22
Next Game: season concluded

Nov. 13 ***Virginia (7-5, 5-4 ACC)***
Last Game: beat Virginia Tech, 35-21
Next Game: vs. Pitt, Continental Tire Bowl

Nov. 22 ***at NC State (7-5, 4-4 ACC)***
Last Game: lost to Maryland, 26-24
Next Game: vs. Kansas, Tangerine Bowl

Nov. 29 ***at Wake Forest (5-7, 3-5 ACC)***
Last Game: lost to Maryland, 45-28
Next Game: season concluded

Jan. 1 ***West Virginia (8-4, 6-1 Big East)***
Last Game: beat Temple, 45-28
Next Game: vs. Maryland, Gator Bowl

FLASHBACK TO 1975

The Last Time The Terps Played In The Gator Bowl

Notable Dates

- Jan. 1 – Nixon henchmen H.R. Haldeman, John Erlichman, John Mitchell and Robert Maridian are convicted in the Watergate conspiracy.
- Feb. 11 – Margaret Thatcher becomes the first woman to lead a British political party by being elected leader of the Conservative party.
- April 23 – President Gerald Ford announced the end of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.
- June 24 –Eastern Airlines Flight 727 crashes while landing at New York's JFK Airport, killing 113 passengers and crew members.
- July 31 – Jimmy Hoffa, former president of the Teamsters Union, is reported missing in Detroit.
- Sept. 18 – Patty Hearst is arrested by the FBI, ending a 19-month search.
- Nov. 3 – In a reorganization of his cabinet, President Ford announces that George Bush will succeed William Colby as CIA director.

Jimmy Hoffa

San Francisco Chronicle

PATTY HEARST FOUND

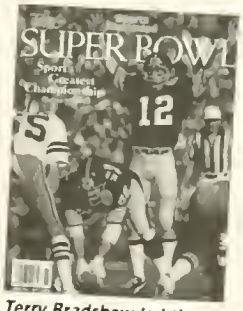
Heiress, Three Others Are Captured in S.F.

Other Notable Events

- Computerized checkouts begin to appear in supermarkets.
- Disposable razors are introduced.
- Catalytic converters are introduced in cars.
- Lyme disease discovered.

Sports

- The Pittsburgh Steelers defeat the Minnesota Vikings, 16-6, to win their first ever Super Bowl.
- The Cincinnati Reds defeat the Boston Red Sox in game seven to win the World Series.
- Archie Griffin of Ohio State wins the Heisman Trophy.

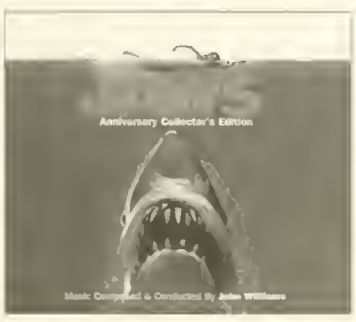


Terry Bradshaw led the Steelers to the Super Bowl.

Top Movies

1. Jaws ($107.2 million)
2. The Towering Inferno ($55 million)
3. Benji ($30.8 million)
4. Young Frankenstein ($30 million)
5. The Godfather, Part II ($28.9 million)

Academy Award Winner, Best Picture: One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest



Troops on their way home from the Vietnam War in 1975.

Other Notable Movies in '75:

- Dog Day Afternoon
- Monty Python & the Holy Grail
- The Rocky Horror Picture Show
- Shampoo
- Tommy
- Young Frankenstein

Grammy Award Winners

Album of the Year: "Still Crazy After All These Years," Paul Simon
Record of the Year: "Love Will Keep Us Together," Captain & Tennille
Song of the Year: "Send in the Clowns," Stephen Sondhem (songwriter)
Best Song by an R& B Group: "Shining Star," Earth, Wind & Fire

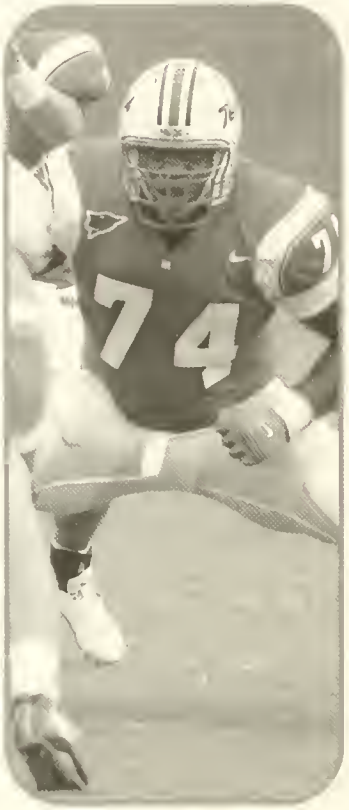
Top TV Shows

1. All In The Family
2. Rich Man, Poor Man
3. Laverne & Shirley
4. Maude
5. The Bionic Woman

Captain & Tennille had the Record of the Year.

MARYLAND'S 2003 HONOR ROLL

Josh Allen



C.J. Brooks

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ACC Predictions

ACC Media	3rd
Athlon	3rd
Lindy's	1st
Street & Smith's	1st
The Sporting News	3rd

Preseason Rankings

Associated Press	15th
Athlon	17th
ESPN/USA Today	13th
Collegefootballnews.com	14th
Lindy's	10th
Sportsline.com	12th
Street & Smith's	11th
The Sporting News	17th

Individual Honors

Ralph Friedgen, Head Coach

No. 1 "Offen. Genius" in Nation	Kirk Herbstreit, ESPN
3rd among nation's top coaches	Collegefootballnews.com
ACC's Best Strategist	Street & Smith's
Top X's & O's Coach	Sports Illustrated

Gary Blackney, Defensive Coordinator

No. 2 "Def. Wizard" in Nation	Kirk Herbstreit, ESPN

Josh Allen, TB

ACC Co-Off. Back of the Week	Nov. 17 (vs. Virginia)

C.J. Brooks, G

ACC	All-ACC First Team
No. 16-rated G in Nation	The Sporting News
Hon. Mention Preseason All-American	Street & Smith's

Lamar Bryant, G

No. 8-rated G in Nation	Lindy's
No. 7 OL "Rising Star"	Collegefootballnews.com
Hon. Mention Preseason All-American	Street & Smith's

Curome Cox, CB

ACC	All-ACC Honorable Mention
Hon. Mention Preseason All-American	Street & Smith's

Jeff Dugan, TE

ACC	All-ACC Second Team
No. 16-rated TE in Nation	The Sporting News

Kevin Eli, DE

ACC	All-ACC Second Team

Domonique Foxworth, CB

ACC	All-ACC Second Team
No. 8-rated CB in Nation	The Sporting News
No. 13-rated CB in Nation	Lindy's
Hon. Mention Preseason All-American	Street & Smith's
"Watch List"	Jim Thorpe Award

Scott McBrien

Nick Novak

Bruce Perry

Randy Starks

D'Qwell Jackson, LB

ACC	All-ACC Second Team

Wesley Jefferson, LB

No. 3-rated Freshman LB in Nation	Street & Smith's
No. 7 Impact Freshman in Nation	Kirk Herbstreit, ESPN

Leon Joe, LB

No. 10-rated ILB in Nation	Lindy's
Hon. Mention Preseason All-American	Street & Smith's

Scott McBrien, QB

No. 24-rated QB in Nation	Lindy's
Hon. Mention Preseason All-American	Street & Smith's
"Watch List"	Davey O'Brien Award

Shawne Merriman, LEO

ACC Def. Lineman of the Week	Oct. 6 (vs. Clemson)

Nick Novak, PK

ACC	All-ACC First Team
2003 Semifinalist	Lou Groza Award
No. 5-rated PK in Nation	Lindy's
No. 6-rated PK in Nation	The Sporting News
Hon. Mention Preseason All-American	Street & Smith's
Hon. Men. Preseason All-Amer.	Collegefootballnews.com
ACC Specialist of the Week	Sept. 15 (vs. Citadel)
ACC Specialist of the Week	Oct. 13 (vs. Duke)
ACC Specialist of the Week	Nov. 3 (vs. UNC)

Bruce Perry, TB

No. 7-rated RB in Nation	Lindy's
No. 12-rated RB in Nation	The Sporting News
No. 7 Heisman "On the Radar" List	The Sporting News
Hon. Mention Preseason All-American	Street & Smith's
ACC Co-Offensive Back of the Week	Dec. 1 (vs. Wake)

Adam Podlesh, P

ACC	All-ACC Second Team
2003 Semifinalist	Ray Guy Award
ACC Specialist of the Week	Oct. 6 (vs. Clemson)

Kyle Schmitt, C

ACC	All-ACC Honorable Mention
"Watch List"	Rimington Award

Randy Starks, DT

Rivals.com	Honorable Mention All-American
ACC	All-ACC First Team
Preseason ACC Defensive Player of Year	ESPN.com
No. 5 "Enforcer" (DT) in Nation	Kirk Herbstreit, ESPN
No. 5-rated DT in Nation	The Sporting News
No. 7-rated DT in Nation	Lindy's
No. 61 on preseason Top 100	ESPN the Magazine
Hon. Mention Preseason All-American	Street & Smith's
ACC Def. Lineman of the Week	Nov. 17 (vs. Virginia)
ACC Def. Lineman of the Week	Nov. 24 (vs. NC State)

Steve Suter

Madieu Williams

Steve Suter, WR/KR

ACC	All-ACC First Team
2nd team Preseason All-Amer. KR	The Sporting News
3rd team Preseason All-Amer. KR	Street & Smith's
3rd team Pre. All-Amer. KR	Collegefootballnews.com
3rd team Pre. All-Amer. PR	Collegefootballnews.com
No. 2-rated KR in Nation	The Sporting News
No. 10-rated All-Purpose in Nation	Lindy's

Madieu Williams, FS

ACC	All-ACC Second Team
No. 2 "Center Fielder" in Nation	Kirk Herbstreit, ESPN
No. 11 on preseason Top 100	ESPN the Magazine
No. 3-rated FS in Nation	The Sporting News
No. 3-rated "Rising Star" DB	Collegefootballnews.com
No. 8-rated Safety in Nation	Lindy's
Hon. Men. Preseason All-Amer.	Collegefootballnews.com
"Watch List"	Bronko Nagurski Award
"Watch List"	Jim Thorpe Award
ACC Defensive Back of the Week	Dec. 1 (vs. Wake)

Dennard Wilson, SS

ACC	All-ACC Honorable Mention

TEAM HONORS

Defensive Backs

3rd-rated Unit in Nation	Athlon
8th-rated Unit in Nation	Lindy's
10th-rated Unit in Nation	The Sporting News

Defensive Line

10th-rated Unit in Nation	The Sporting News

Running Backs

21st-rated Unit in Nation	Collegefootballnews.com

Overall Defense

11th-rated Unit in Nation	Collegefootballnews.com

Overall Offense

20th-rated Unit in Nation	Collegefootballnews.com

Special Teams

6th-rated Unit in Nation	The Sporting News
12th-rated Unit in Nation	Collegefootballnews.com

TERRAPIN DEPTH CHART

Offense

	34	Steve Suter	S-10	192	Jr.-1V
	85	Dan Melendez	6-2	176	So. 1V

WR (X)

70	Stephon Heyer	6-6	295	So.-1V	
78	Ryan Flynn	6-4	272	Jr.-1V	

4	Bernie Fiddler	6-1	244	Sr.-2V	
)	Maurice Smith	5-11	229	Jr.-2V	
	Ricardo Dickerson	6-3	238	So.-1V	

FB

LT

74	C.J. Brooks	6-6	318	Jr.-2V	
77	Russell Bonham	6-4	295	So.-1V	

LG

7	Scott McBrien	6-0	182	Sr.-1V	
16	Joel Statham	6-1	207	Fr.-RS	

QB

72	Kyle Schmitt	6-5	297	Jr.-2V	
68	Ryan McDonald	6-2	282	So.-Sq	

C

73	Lamar Bryant	6-3	313	Sr.-3V	
61	Ed Tyler	6-3	293	Sr.-1V	

RG

33	Josh Allen	S-11	207	So.-1V	
r 1	Bruce Perry	S-10	205	Sr.-3V	

TB

75	Eric Dumas	6-6	301	Sr.-1V	
79	Lou Lombardo	6-6	287	Jr.-2V	

RT

?	Jo Jo Walker	S-9	165	So.-1V	
22	Rich Parson	5-10	187	Jr.-2V	
14	Steve Suter	5-10	192	Jr.-1V	

82	Jeff Dugan	6-5	258	Sr.-3V	
84	Derek Miller	6-8	258	So.-1V	
3	Rob Abiamiri	6-2	241	Jr.-Sq	

SLOT

TE

4	Latrez Harrison	6-2	223	Sr.-3V	
19	Jafar Williams	6-2	210	Sr.-3V	
89	Drew Weatherly	6-4	200	Fr.-HS	

WR (Z)

Defense

6	Dom. Foxworth	S-11	177	Jr.-2V	
25	Josh Wilson	5-9	176	Fr.-HS	

CB

41	Kevin Eli	6-4	268	Jr.-1V	
76	Henry Scott	6-1	280	Jr.-Sq	

DE

24	Leroy Ambush	6-1	225	Sr.-3V	
51	Andrew Henley	6-0	240	Sr.-2V	

SLB

13	Dennard Wilson	S-10	189	Sr.-3V	
23	Andrew Smith	5-11	207	Sr.-2V	
or 2	Chris Kelley	6-2	210	Jr. 1V	

96	C.J. Feldheim	6-3	287	Sr.-3V	
91	Rob Armstrong	6-3	303	Fr.-HS	
or 97	Tosin Abani	5-10	274	Sr.-1V	

NT

SS

52	D'Qwell Jackson	6-1	224	So.-1V	
27	Tim Cesa	6-0	240	Fr.-HS	
or 53	Reggie Holmes	6-2	240	Fr.-RS	

57	Randy Starks	6-4	305	Jr.-2V	
95	Conrad Bolston	6-4	267	Fr.-HS	

MLB

DT

10	Madieu Williams	6-1	188	Sr.-1V	
26	Raymond Custis	5-9	194	Jr.-2V	

FS

49	Jamahl Cochran	6-0	254	Jr.-2V	
45	Shawne Merriman	6-4	253	So.-1V	

LEO

32	Leon Joe	6-1	232	Sr.-3V	
48	William Kershaw	6-3	233	So.-1V	

WLB

30	Curome Cox	6-0	197	Sr.-3V	
37	Jamal Chance	6-0	200	Sr.-1V	

CB

Specialists

	Nick Novak	6-0	183	Jr.-2V	
	Dan Ennis	6-0	149	Fr.-RS	

P

36	Adam Podlesh	5-11	209	Fr.-RS	
16	Joel Statham	6-1	207	Fr.-RS	

LS

47	Jon Condo	6-3	241	Jr.-2V	
55	B. McDermond	6-1	245	Fr.-HS	

H

36	Adam Podlesh	5-11	209	Fr.-RS	
85	Dan Melendez	6-2	175	So.-1V	
or 2	Chris Kelley	6-2	210	Jr.-1V	

KR/PR

34	Steve Suter	S-10	192	Jr.-1V	
9	Jo Jo Walker	5-9	165	So. 1V	
22	Rich Parson	5-10	187	Jr.-2V	

2003 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

Results

RECORD	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	9-3	6-0	3-3	0-0
CONFERENCE	6-2	4-0	2-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1	2-0	1-1	0-0

Date	Opponent	Score	W/L	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
Aug 28, 2003	at Northern Illinois (FSN)	13-20	L-OT	0-1-0	0-0-0	3:21	28,018
Sep 06, 2003	at #10 Florida State* (ESPN2)	10-35	L	0-2-0	0-1-0	3:27	82,885
Sep 13, 2003	THE CITADEL	61-0	W	1-2-0	0-1-0	2:48	51,594
Sep 20, 2003	WEST VIRGINIA	34-7	W	2-2-0	0-1-0	2:45	51,973
Sep 27, 2003	at Eastern Michigan	37-13	W	3-2-0	0-1-0	2:50	19,628
Oct 04, 2003	CLEMSON* (ABC)	21-7	W	4-2-0	1-1-0	3:15	51,545
Oct 11, 2003	DUKE*	33-20	W	5-2-0	2-1-0	3:16	50,084
Oct 23, 2003	at Georgia Tech* (ESPN)	3-7	L	5-3-0	2-2-0	3:07	51,524
Nov 01, 2003	NORTH CAROLINA* (JP)	59-21	W	6-3-0	3-2-0	3:15	51,195
Nov 13, 2003	VIRGINIA* (ESPN)	27-17	W	7-3-0	4-2-0	3:02	51,027
Nov 22, 2003	at NC State* (ABC)	26-24	W	8-3-0	5-2-0	3:30	53,800
Nov 29, 2003	at Wake Forest* (ESPN)	41-28	W	9-3-0	6-2-0	3:12	18,783

* denotes Atlantic Coast Conference game

Team Statistics

TEAM STATISTICS	MD	OPP
SCORING	**365**	**199**
Points Per Game	30.4	16.6
FIRST DOWNS	**254**	**201**
Rushing	125	81
Passing	114	100
Penalty	15	20
RUSHING YARDAGE	**2,346**	**1,527**
Yards gained rushing	2,579	1,900
Yards lost rushing	233	373
Rushing Attempts	504	452
Average Per Rush	4.7	3.4
Average Per Game	195.5	127.2
TDs Rushing	23	14
PASSING YARDAGE	**2,614**	**2,241**
Att-Comp-Int	328-179-7	349-174-12
Average Per Pass	8.0	6.4
Average Per Catch	14.6	12.9
Average Per Game	217.8	186.8
TDs Passing	17	10
TOTAL OFFENSE	**4,960**	**3,768**
Total Plays	832	801
Average Per Play	6.0	4.7
Average Per Game	413.3	314.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	**23-530**	**44-915**
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	**46-443**	**24-221**
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	**12-172**	**7-63**
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	23.0	20.8
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	9.6	9.2
INT RETURN AVERAGE	14.3	9.0
FUMBLES-LOST	**25-11**	**11-5**
PENALTIES-YARDS	**76-652**	**75-583**
Average Per Game	54.3	48.6
PUNTS-YARDS	**51-2,174**	**81-3,157**
Average Per Punt	**42.6**	**39.0**
Net punt average	38.3	33.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	**30:24**	**29:36**
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	**71/164**	**65/178**
3rd-Down Pct	43%	37%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	**6/8**	**7/17**
4th-Down Pct	75%	41%
SACKS BY-YARDS	**33-257**	**19-118**
MISC YARDS	0	25
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	**43**	**26**
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	22-28	6-10
PAT ATTEMPTS	37-41	25-25
ATTENDANCE	**307,418**	**254,638**
Games/Avg Per	6/51,236	6/42,440

SCORE BY QTRS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	TOTAL
Maryland	139	87	62	0	365	
Opponents	73	31	50	7	199	

Rushing

Player	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Lg	Avg/G
Josh Allen	12	175	918	24	894	5.1	8	80	74.5
Bruce Perry	9	127	671	25	646	5.1	6	80	71.8
Sammy Maldonado	7	51	306	1	305	6.0	3	31	43.6
Scott McBrien	12	74	366	93	273	3.7	5	43	22.8
Mario Merrills	4	23	90	4	86	3.7	1	9	21.5
Rich Parson	10	7	79	0	79	11.3	0	29	7.9
Steve Suter	11	7	58	0	58	8.3	0	24	5.3
J.P. Humber	3	10	39	0	39	3.9	0	12	13.0
Dan Melendez	11	1	14	0	14	14.0	0	14	1.3
JoJo Walker	12	3	9	0	9	3.0	0	4	0.8
Maurice Smith	11	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6	0.5
Derrick Fenner	9	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	0.6
Jafar Williams	8	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.4
Drew Weatherly	5	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.2
Joel Statham	5	8	8	28	-20	-2.5	0	4	-4.0
Orlando Evans	5	6	6	40	-34	-5.7	0	6	-6.8
Total	**12**	**504**	**2,579**	**233**	**2,346**	**4.7**	**23**	**80**	**195.5**
Opponents	**12**	**452**	**1,900**	**373**	**1,527**	**3.4**	**14**	**74**	**127.2**

Passing

Player	G	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/G
Scott McBrien	12	137.10	281-152-6	54.1	2,291	16	69	190.9
Joel Statham	5	92.42	25-12-1	48.0	156	0	35	31.2
Orlando Evans	5	146.78	21-14-0	66.7	161	1	62	32.2
Latrez Harrison	12	150.40	1-1-0	100.0	6	0	6	0.5
Total	**12**	**134.35**	**328-179-7**	**54.6**	**2,614**	**17**	**69**	**217.8**
Opponents	**12**	**106.37**	**349-174-12**	**49.9**	**2,241**	**10**	**70**	**186.8**

Receiving

Player	G	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	Avg/G
Latrez Harrison	12	38	553	14.6	6	49	46.1
Steve Suter	11	25	387	15.5	1	45	35.2
JoJo Walker	12	20	273	13.6	2	67	22.8
Rich Parson	10	17	310	18.2	1	42	31.0
Jeff Dugan	12	14	175	12.5	0	26	14.6
Josh Allen	12	13	192	14.8	1	43	16.0
Derrick Fenner	9	10	298	29.8	2	69	33.1
Jafar Williams	8	10	136	13.6	1	41	17.0
Bruce Perry	9	8	42	5.2	0	28	4.7
Dan Melendez	11	6	75	12.5	2	15	6.8
Bernie Fiddler	11	5	35	7.0	0	11	3.2
Vernon Davis	12	4	31	7.8	0	11	2.6
Maurice Smith	11	2	25	12.5	0	18	2.3
Rob Abiamiri	12	2	12	6.0	0	8	1.0
Derek Miller	12	2	10	5.0	1	8	0.8
Curtis Williams	12	1	35	35.0	0	35	2.9
Sammy Maldonado	7	1	16	16.0	0	16	2.3
Scott McBrien	12	1	9	9.0	0	9	0.8
Total	**12**	**179**	**2,614**	**14.6**	**17**	**69**	**217.8**
Opponents	**12**	**174**	**2,241**	**12.9**	**10**	**70**	**186.8**

Punt Returns

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Steve Suter	33	240	7.3	1	75
JoJo Walker	9	122	13.6	0	36
Rich Parson	3	81	27.0	0	51
Total	**46**	**443**	**9.6**	**1**	**75**
Opponents	**24**	**221**	**9.2**	**1**	**83**

Interceptions

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Domonique Foxworth	3	64	21.3	1	44
Madieu Williams	3	10	3.3	0	6
D'Qwell Jackson	2	58	29.0	1	58
Curome Cox	2	2	1.0	0	2
Andrew Smith	1	15	15.0	0	15
Leon Joe	1	23	23.0	0	23
Total	**12**	**172**	**14.3**	**2**	**58**
Opponents	**7**	**63**	**9.0**	**0**	**32**

Kick Returns

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Steve Suter	14	331	23.6	0	67
JoJo Walker	6	135	22.5	0	28
Latrez Harrison	2	45	22.5	0	31
Rich Parson	1	19	19.0	0	19
Total	**23**	**530**	**23.0**	**0**	**67**
Opponents	**44**	**915**	**20.8**	**1**	**96**

Scoring

Player	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Nick Novak	0	22-28	33-37	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	99
Josh Allen	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	54
Bruce Perry	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	38
Latrez Harrison	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Scott McBrien	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2-2	0	0	30
Sammy Maldonado	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Steve Suter	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	14
Derrick Fenner	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Dan Melendez	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
JoJo Walker	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Derek Miller	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Mario Merrills	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Jafar Williams	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
D'Qwell Jackson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Rich Parson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Domonique Foxworth	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Dan Ennis	0	0-0	4-4	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	4
Total	**43**	**22-28**	**37-41**	**0-0**	**2**	**2-2**	**0**	**0**	**365**
Opponents	**26**	**6-10**	**25-25**	**0-1**	**0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**199**

All-Purpose

Player	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Josh Allen	12	894	192	0	0	0	1,086	90.5
Steve Suter	11	58	387	240	331	0	1,016	92.4
Bruce Perry	9	646	42	0	0	0	688	76.4
Latrez Harrison	12	0	553	0	45	0	598	49.8
JoJo Walker	12	9	273	122	135	0	539	44.9
Rich Parson	10	79	310	81	19	0	489	48.9
Sammy Maldonado	7	305	16	0	0	0	321	45.9
Derrick Fenner	9	5	298	0	0	0	303	33.7
Scott McBrien	12	273	9	0	0	0	282	23.5
Jeff Dugan	12	0	175	0	0	0	175	14.6
Jafar Williams	8	3	136	0	0	0	139	17.4
Dan Melendez	11	14	75	0	0	0	89	8.1
Total	**12**	**2346**	**2614**	**443**	**530**	**172**	**6105**	**508.8**
Opponents	**12**	**1527**	**2241**	**221**	**915**	**63**	**4967**	**413.9**

Total Offense

Player	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Scott McBrien	12	355	273	2,291	2,564	213.7
Josh Allen	12	175	894	0	894	74.5
Bruce Perry	9	127	646	0	646	71.8
Sammy Maldonado	7	51	305	0	305	43.6
Joel Statham	5	33	-20	156	136	27.2
Orlando Evans	5	27	-34	161	127	25.4
Total	**12**	**832**	**2,346**	**2,614**	**4,960**	**413.3**
Opponents	**12**	**801**	**1,527**	**2,241**	**3,768**	**314.0**

Punting

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	50+	I20	Blkd
Adam Podlesh	51	2174	42.6	63	5	5	8	21	0
Opponents	**81**	**3157**	**39.0**	**58**	**6**	**0**	**11**	**15**	**1**

Field Goals

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Nick Novak	22-28	78.6	0-0	5-5	7-8	8-12	2-3	54	1
Novak -career	*62-81*	*76.5*	*1-1*	*22-25*	*17-20*	*15-23*	*7-12*	*54*	*3*

FG SEQUENCE	Maryland	Opponents
Northern Illinois	(46),(50)	(52),(25),43
Florida State	(44)	28
The Citadel	(31),(38),(21),(42)	-
West Virginia	52,(41),(32)	-
Eastern Michigan	(27)	(42),(25)
Clemson	48	48
Duke	(54),(34),40,(31),(48)	-
Georgia Tech	39,(35)	-
North Carolina	(24),(20),(46)	-
Virginia	(33),47,(45)	(43)
NC State	(29),(43)	26,(32)
Wake Forest	41	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Blocked Kicks

Curtis Williams (FG vs. Northern Illinois, Punt vs. Wake Forest)
D'Qwell Jackson (FG vs. Florida State)

Defensive Statistics

			Tackles			Sacks	Pass Def		Fumbles		Blkd		
	DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
52	D'Qwell Jackson	12	82	42	124	7.5-27	2.5-17	2-58	2	10		1	1	
32	Leon Joe	12	62	41	103	3.5-13	1.0-8	1-23	1	5		1		
40	Madieu Williams	12	59	22	81			3-10	5	1	1-0	1		
57	Randy Starks	12	38	34	72	14.5-69	7.5-57		3	13		1		
15	Shawne Merriman	12	38	15	53	9.5-59	8.5-58		3	12	1-0			
11	Kevin Eli	12	25	28	53	11.0-58	5.5-50		1	12				
24	Leroy Ambush	12	37	14	51	4.0-15	1.0-5					1		
13	Dennard Wilson	12	34	11	45	2.5-7			12	1				
5	Domonique Foxworth	12	35	6	41			3-64	6		1-0			
96	C.J. Feldheim	12	18	21	39	1.0-1	1.0-1		2	2	1-0			
19	Jamahl Cochran	12	25	13	38	1.5-7	1.5-7							
30	Curome Cox	11	29	8	37	3.0-5		2-2	11					
48	William Kershaw	10	17	6	23	1.0-1				4				
51	Andrew Henley	12	16	7	23				1		1-0			
23	Andrew Smith	12	17	4	21	2.0-32	2.0-32	1-15	5	1				
76	Henry Scott	9	6	8	14	3.0-13	1.0-7							
37	Jamal Chance	12	9	5	14	2.0-7	0.5-4							
97	Tosin Abari	12	4	8	12					4				
91	Robert Armstrong	11	6	6	12					2				
54	Scott Smith	3	5	6	11	1.0-9	1.0-9			2				
53	Reggie Holmes	5	6	4	10				1					
2	Chris Kelley	12	6	2	8				1					
26	Raymond Custis	12	6	2	8									
30	Onnie Onwuemene	10	6	1	7									
37	Vernon Davis	12	7		7									
95	Conrad Bolston	9	4	3	7	2.0-5	1.0-3							
15	Curtis Williams	12	3	4	7								2	
47	Jon Condo	12	3	2	5									
5	Ricardo Dickerson	11	2	1	3							1		
40	Maurice Smith	11	2	1	3									
84	Steve Suter	11	3		3									
86	Adam Podlesh	12	2		2									
25	Josh Wilson	10	2		2									
83	Derrick Fenner	9	2		2									
	TEAM	12												
	Total	**12**	**626**	**329**	**955**	**69-328**	**33-257**	**12-172**	**54**	**69**	**5-0**	**6**	**3**	
	Opponents	**12**	**498**	**347**	**845**	**54-190**	**19-118**	**7-63**	**36**		**11-25**	**17**	**1**	

OFFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Rushing

TC-Yds. / TD	#1 Perry	#7 Mc8rien	#8 Merrills	#11 Evans	#20 Humber	#22 Parson	#29 Maldonado	#33 Allen	#34 Suter
at No. Illinois	dnp-inj	9-17 / 0	dnt	dnp-cd	dnp-cd	1-10 / 0	4-19 / 0	20-67 / 1	dnp-inj
at Florida State	10-32 / 0	4-22 / 0	dnt	3-(-23) / 0	0-0 / 0	1-0 / 0	9-41 / 0	2-1 / 0	0-0 / 0
The Citadel	dnp-inj	5-15 / 1	13-42 / 1	2-(-2) / 0	6-24 / 0	0-0 / 0	12-66 / 2	11-136 / 1	0-0 / 0
West Virginia	14-79 / 2	4-47 / 0	dnp-cd	1-(-9) / 0	dnp-cd	0-0 / 0	13-88 / 0	16-54 / 1	1-1 / 0
at E. Michigan	11-38 / 0	4-37 / 0	6-27 / 0	0-0 / 0	dnp-cd	1-15 / 0	dnp-cd	18-71 / 2	1-11 / 0
Clemson	17-33 / 0	8-8 / 0	dnp-cd	dnp-cd	dnp-cd	0-0 / 0	dnp-cd	16-65 / 0	1-24 / 0
Duke	8-36 / 1	4-14 / 0	dnp-cd	dnp-cd	dnp-cd	1-29 / 0	5-15 / 1	9-36 / 0	1-6 / 0
at Georgia Tech	17-75 / 0	4-2 / 0	dnt	dnp-cd	dnp-cd	dnp-inj	3-33 / 0	5-0 / 0	0-0 / 0
North Carolina	17-96 / 0	8-24 / 2	3-15 / 0	0-0 / 0	4-15 / 0	0-0 / 0	5-43 / 0	9-31 / 1	1-5 / 0
Virginia	dnp-inj	6-10 / 0	1-2 / 0	dnp-cd	dnp-cd	1-15 / 0	dnp-inj	38-257 / 2	0-0 / 0
at NC State	8-20 / 0	9-16 / 1	dnp-cd	dnp-cd	dnp-cd	1-3 / 0	dnp-inj	23-144 / 0	1-7 / 0
Wake Forest	25-237 / 3	9-61 / 0	dnp-cd	dnp-cd	dnp-cd	1-7 / 0	dnp-inj	8-32 / 0	1-4 / 0

Receiving

Rec-Yds. / TD	#1 Perry	#3 R.Abiamiri	#4 Harrison	#9 Walker	#15 C.Williams	#19 J.Williams	#22 Parson	#29 Maldonado	#33 Allen
at No. Illinois	dnp-inj	0-0 / 0	4-48 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	2-18 / 0	3-12 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-8 / 0
at Florida State	1-5 / 0	1-4 / 0	1-14 / 0	4-41 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-9 / 0	1-23 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0
The Citadel	dnp-inj	0-0 / 0	4-51 / 0	2-0 / 0	1-35 / 0	1-8 / 0	2-46 / 0	1-16 / 0	2-37 / 0
West Virginia	1-(-5) / 0	1-8 / 0	4-88 / 1	2-33 / 0	0-0 / 0	dnp-inj	1-12 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-19 / 0
at E. Michigan	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	3-32 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	dnp-inj	1-25 / 0	dnp-cd	3-31 / 0
Clemson	1-6 / 0	0-0 / 0	4-39 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-7 / 0	1-10 / 1	dnp-cd	0-0 / 0
Duke	2-34 / 0	0-0 / 0	4-88 / 1	1-23 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	2-22 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-(-1) / 0
at Georgia Tech	2-(-4) / 0	0-0 / 0	1-20 / 0	1-13 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-6 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-22 / 0
North Carolina	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	4-54 / 2	3-99 / 1	0-0 / 0	dnp-cd	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-43 / 1
Virginia	dnp-inj	0-0 / 0	4-63 / 1	1-7 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-41 / 0	0-0 / 0	dnp-inj	1-6 / 0
at NC State	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	4-38 / 0	6-57 / 1	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	4-114 / 0	dnp-inj	1-25 / 0
Wake Forest	1-6 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-18 / 1	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	3-47 / 1	2-46 / 0	dnp-inj	1-2 / 0

Rec-Yds., TD	#34 Suter	#40 M.Smith	#44 Fiddler	#82 Dugan	#83 Fenner	#84 D.Miller	#85 Melendez	#87 V.Davis
at No. Illinois	dnp-inj	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-15 / 0	0-0 / 0
at Florida State	0-0 / 0	1-7 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	2-12 / 0	1-8 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-1 / 0
The Citadel	1-6 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	2-22 / 0	1-62 / 1	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0
West Virginia	0-0 / 0	1-18 / 0	dnp-inj	3-50 / 0	1-15 / 0	0-0 / 0	dnp-inj	0-0 / 0
at E. Michigan	4-84 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-5 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-58 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-14 / 1	2-19 / 0
Clemson	3-42 / 1	0-0 / 0	1-7 / 0	1-11 / 0	1-69 / 1	0-0 / 0	1-13 / 0	0-0 / 0
Duke	4-48 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	3-18 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-6 / 0	0-0 / 0
at Georgia Tech	4-60 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-5 / 0	1-17 / 0	2-18 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0
North Carolina	4-72 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-17 / 0	2-64 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-11 / 0
Virginia	3-23 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-11 / 0	3-40 / 0	dnp-inj	dnp-cd	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0
at NC State	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	1-7 / 0	0-0 / 0	dnp-inj	1-2 / 1	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0
Wake Forest	2-52 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	0-0 / 0	dnp-inj	0-0 / 0	2-27 / 1	0-0 / 0

Passing

A-C-I / Y / TD	#7 Mc8rien	#11 Evans	#16 Statham
at No. Illinois	24-12-1 / 110 / 0	dnp-cd	dnp-cd
at Florida State	18- 6-1 / 61 / 0	12-7-0 / 57 / 0	dnp-cd
The Citadel	20-12-0 / 178 / 0	6-4-0 / 70 / 1	1-1-0 / 35 / 0
West Virginia	25-14-1 / 220 / 1	1-1-0 / 18 / 0	dnp-cd
at E. Michigan	19-14-0 / 252 / 1	2-2-0 / 16 / 0	0-0-0 / 0 / 0
Clemson	[illegible]	dnp-cd	dnp-cd
Duke	[illegible]	dnp-cd	0-0-0 / 0 / 0
at Georgia Tech	[illegible]	dnp-cd	22-10-1 / 110 / 0
North Carolina	[illegible]	[illegible] 9 / 0 / 0	2-1-0 / 11 / 0
Virginia	[illegible]	dnp-cd	dnp-cd
at NC State	[illegible]	[illegible]-cd	dnp-cd
Wake Forest	[illegible]	[illegible]	dnp-cd

Field Goals

Made, Missed	#46 Novak
at No. Illinois	46g, 50g
at Florida State	44g
The Citadel	31g, 38g, 21g, 42g
West Virginia	52s, 41g, 32g
at E. Michigan	27g
Clemson	48s
Duke	54g, 34g, 40wr, 31g, 48g
at Georgia Tech	39wl, 35g
North Carolina	24g, 20g, 46g
Virginia	33g, 47blk, 45g
at NC State	29g, 43g
Wake Forest	41wl

Punting

No-Avg. / In20	#36 Podlesh
at No. Illinois	8-45.4 / 4
at Florida State	7-43.7 / 3
The Citadel	1-60.0 / 1
West Virginia	1-58.0 / 1
at E. Michigan	4-46.5 / 1
Clemson	7-41.0 / 3
Duke	4-42.8 / 1
at Georgia Tech	5-39.2 / 2
North Carolina	2-38.5 / 1
Virginia	3-28.0 / 1
at NC State	5-46.0 / 1
Wake Forest	4-37.8 / 2

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME STATS

UT-AT-TT / Sk	#2 Kelley	#6 Foxworth	#10 M. Williams	#13 D. Wilson	#15 C.Williams	#23 A. Smith	#24 Ambush	#25 J.Wilson	#26 Custis
at No. Illinois	0-0-0 / 0.0	2-1-3 / 0.0	6-0-6 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	5-0-5 / 1.0	4-3-7 / 0.0	dnt	0-0-0 / 0.0
at Florida State	1-1-2 / 0.0	9-0-9 / 0.0	3-1-4 / 0.0	1-2-3 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	3-0-3 / 0.0	1-1-2 / 1.0	dnt	1-0-1 / 0.0
The Citadel	3-0-3 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	1-1-2 / 0.0	3-1-4 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0
West Virginia	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	5-3-8 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	1-2-3 / 0.0	1-1-2 / 0.0	3-1-4 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0
at E. Michigan	0-0-0 / 0.0	2-1-3 / 0.0	5-2-7 / 0.0	3-1-4 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	4-2-6 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0
Clemson	1-0-1 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	3-3-6 / 0.0	7-0-7 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	4-0-4 / 1.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0
Duke	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	2-1-3 / 0.0	2-1-3 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	4-1-5 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-1-2 / 0.0
at Georgia Tech	0-0-0 / 0.0	3-1-4 / 0.0	6-1-7 / 0.0	3-2-5 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	5-1-6 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0
North Carolina	0-0-0 / 0.0	5-0-5 / 0.0	5-0-5 / 0.0	3-2-5 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	3-2-5 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0
Virginia	0-0-0 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	7-4-11 / 0.0	1-1-2 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0
at NC State	1-1-2 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	7-2-9 / 0.0	1-1-2 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	4-1-5 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0
Wake Forest	0-0-0 / 0.0	7-2-9 / 0.0	9-4-13 / 0.0	6-0-6 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	5-2-7 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0

UT-AT-TT / Sk	#30 Cox	#32 Joe	#36 Podlesh	#37 Chance	#41 Eli	#45 Merriman	#47 Condo	#48 Kershaw
at No. Illinois	1-2-3 / 0.0	7-7-14 / 0.5	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-1-2 / 0.5	1-2-3 / 1.0	3-2-5 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0
at Florida State	6-1-7 / 0.0	7-5-12 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	3-2-5 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	3-1-4 / 1.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0
The Citadel	3-0-3 / 0.0	1-1-2 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	3-0-3 / 1.0	2-1-3 / 1.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	4-1-5 / 0.0
West Virginia	0-1-1 / 0.0	2-5-7 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	3-2-5 / 2.0	4-1-5 / 1.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	3-1-4 / 0.0
at E. Michigan	2-1-3 / 0.0	5-5-10 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	1-4-5 / 0.0	7-0-7 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	3-3-6 / 0.0
Clemson	3-2-5 / 0.0	5-3-8 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	2-3-5 / 0.0	4-2-6 / 2.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	dnp-cd
Duke	3-1-4 / 0.0	7-2-9 / 0.5	1-0-1 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	2-6-8 / 0.0	4-0-4 / 1.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0
at Georgia Tech	0-0-0 / 0.0	9-5-14 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	4-3-7 / 1.0	1-1-2 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	dnp-cd
North Carolina	2-0-2 / 0.0	3-2-5 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	2-1-3 / 0.5	2-1-3 / 0.5	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0
Virginia	8-0-8 / 0.0	5-0-5 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-3-4 / 0.0	2-2-4 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0
at NC State	1-0-1 / 0.0	3-5-8 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	4-4-8 / 0.0	3-1-4 / 1.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0
Wake Forest	dnp-inj	8-1-9 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	3-3-6 / 1.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-1-2 / 0.0

UT-AT-TT / Sk	#49 Cochran	#51 Henley	#52 D. Jackson	#53 Holmes	#54 S. Smith	#57 Starks	#59 Holloway
at No. Illinois	2-1-3 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	8-7-15 / 0.0	dnp-cd	3-1-4 / 1.0	3-2-5 / 1.0	dnp-cd
at Florida State	7-2-9 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	5-6-11 / 0.0	1-2-3 / 0.0	2-4-6 / 0.0	4-3-7 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0
The Citadel	0-1-1 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	6-1-7 / 0.0	3-0-3 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	2-2-4 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0
West Virginia	1-2-3 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	10-2-12 / 1.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	dnp-inj	2-4-6 / 0.0	dnp-cd
at E. Michigan	1-1-2 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	9-7-16 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	dnp-inj	3-3-6 / 1.0	dnp-cd
Clemson	2-0-2 / 1.0	1-1-2 / 0.0	9-1-10 / 1.0	dnp-cd	dnp-inj	1-1-2 / 0.0	dnp-cd
Duke	3-1-4 / 0.5	3-2-5 / 0.0	8-4-12 / 0.5	1-1-2 / 0.0	dnp-inj	4-5-9 / 1.5	dnp-cd
at Georgia Tech	2-2-4 / 0.0	0-2-2 / 0.0	7-6-13 / 0.0	dnp-cd	dnp-inj	5-4-9 / 0.0	dnp-cd
North Carolina	1-0-1 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	3-1-4 / 0.0	dnp-cd	dnp-inj	3-1-4 / 1.0	dnp-cd
Virginia	2-1-3 / 0.0	2-1-3 / 0.0	2-2-4 / 0.0	dnp-cd	dnp-inj	5-3-8 / 1.0	dnp-cd
at NC State	1-0-1 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	9-2-11 / 0.0	dnp-cd	dnp-inj	4-4-8 / 1.0	dnp-cd
Wake Forest	3-2-5 / 0.0	3-0-3 / 0.0	6-3-9 / 0.0	dnp-cd	dnp-inj	2-2-4 / 1.0	dnp-cd

UT-AT-TT / Sk	#76 Scott	#80 Onwuemene	#87 V.Davis	#91 Armstrong	#95 Bolston	#96 Feldheim	#97 Abari
at No. Illinois	dnp-cd	dnp-cd	0-0-0 / 0.0	dnp-cd	1-4-5 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0
at Florida State	0-1-1 / 0.0	dnp-cd	1-0-1 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-1-2 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0
The Citadel	1-1-2 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	1-1-2 / 0.0	0-2-2 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0
West Virginia	1-3-4 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	3-1-4 / 0.0	2-2-4 / 0.0
at E. Michigan	1-1-2 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	2-0-2 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	4-1-5 / 0.0	0-3-3 / 0.0
Clemson	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-1-2 / 1.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0
Duke	1-1-2 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	2-1-3 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-1-2 / 1.0	0-0-0 / 0.0
at Georgia Tech	dnp-cd	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-2-3 / 0.0	dnp-cd	2-3-5 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0
North Carolina	2-1-3 / 1.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0
Virginia	dnp-cd	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-2-3 / 0.0	dnp-cd	3-1-4 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0
at NC State	dnp-cd	1-0-1 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	2-2-4 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0
Wake Forest	0-0-0 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	1-0-1 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0	0-1-1 / 0.0	1-4-5 / 0.0	0-0-0 / 0.0

dnp-inj – did not play/injury; dnp-cd – did not play/coach's decision

2003 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	SCORE	FIRST DOWNS Tot	Ru-Pa-Pe	RUSHING No-Yds-TD	PASSING A-C-I	Yds	TD	TOTAL OFF. Pl-Yds	PUNTS No-Avg	FUM F-L	PEN No-Yds	SACKS BY No-Yds	3RD DNS	4TH DNS	TIME OF POSS
MARYLAND	13	12	6- 5-1	35-112-1	24-12-1	110	0	59-222	8-45.4	2-1	9-90	5-47	3-13	0-0	26:46
at Northern Illinois	20	21	4-14-3	43- 59-0	35-21-1	266	2	78-325	7-41.0	0-0	5-56	2- 5	10-19	0-0	33:14
MARYLAND	10	13	7-4-2	31- 73-0	31-14-1	124	0	62-197	7-43.7	3-2	6-55	2-17	3-14	1-2	26:07
at Florida State	35	23	13- 7-3	46-196-3	30-17-1	231	2	76-427	7-42.7	2-0	10-81	3-20	7-16	1-1	33:53
MARYLAND	61	28	15-12-1	53-282-5	27-17-0	283	1	80-565	1-60.0	1-0	7-64	2-16	7-14	2-2	35:45
The Citadel	0	7	5- 2-0	31- 90-0	20- 3-1	47	0	51-137	11-36.9	0-0	8-54	3-18	3-14	0-0	24:15
MARYLAND	34	28	15-10-3	49-260-3	26-15-1	238	1	75-498	1-58.0	2-1	10-80	4-24	8-13	0-0	33:56
West Virginia	7	11	5- 2-4	39-120-1	12- 3-0	36	0	51-156	9-41.0	0-0	9-80	2-17	4-12	0-0	26:04
MARYLAND	37	22	9-12-1	41-199-3	21-16-0	268	1	62-467	4-46.5	2-2	4-20	1- 6	8-13	0-0	26:48
Eastern Michigan	13	13	6- 7-0	39-149-0	20-14-1	126	1	59-275	8-44 1	0-0	3-27	0- 0	2-14	1-1	33:12
MARYLAND	21	19	11- 8-0	44-134-0	27-14-0	204	3	71-338	7-41 0	2-1	6-53	6-50	8-16	0-0	31:23
Clemson	13	17	3-12-2	29- 10-0	45-22-2	320	1	74-330	6-36.2	0-0	7-40	1-11	6-18	1-3	28:37
MARYLAND	33	19	8-10-1	31-131-2	32-18-1	238	1	63-369	4-42.8	2-1	6-60	4-36	2-11	0-0	23:50
Duke	20	17	9-13-3	45-143-2	47-20-1	270	1	92-413	7-35.7	2-1	13-88	1- 5	6-20	2-5	36:10
MARYLAND	3	14	4-10-0	35- 96-0	33-14-2	157	0	68-253	5-39 2	5-2	1- 5	1-10	6-16	0-0	29:29
at Georgia Tech	7	14	7- 7-0	41-130-0	28-12-1	98	1	69-228	9-31 9	1-0	3-15	3-19	5-16	1-2	30:35
MARYLAND	59	27	13-13-1	50-252-3	27-16-0	360	4	77-612	2-38.5	0-0	4-41	3-23	10-16	1-1	34:37
North Carolina	21	16	5-11-0	25-108-1	32-21-1	277	1	57-385	3-48.0	2-2	5-35	1- 3	2- 8	0-3	25:23
MARYLAND	27	14	6- 8-0	48-278-2	21-14-0	191	1	69-469	3-28.0	1-0	6-45	1- 8	5-12	1-1	35:25
Virginia	17	14	6- 8-0	32-108-1	26-13-0	186	1	58-294	5-34.8	0-0	4-46	0- 0	7-13	0-0	24:35
MARYLAND	26	24	11-11-2	42-190-1	37-17-1	243	2	79-433	5-46.0	3-1	8-64	2-11	5-14	0-1	31:06
at NC State	24	19	7-10-2	34- 98-2	30-16-1	276	0	64-374	5-47.4	4-2	5-41	3-20	4-12	1-1	28:54
MARYLAND	41	25	15-10-0	45-339-3	22-12-0	198	3	67-537	4-37.8	1-0	9-75	2- 9	6-12	1-1	29:44
at Wake Forest	28	21	11- 7-3	48-316-4	24-12-2	108	0	72-424	4-33.5	0-0	3-20	0- 0	9-16	0-1	30:16

TURNOVERS

Takeaways - 17
Giveaways - 18
Points Following Turnovers
Md. - 73 (9 TD, 3 FG)
Opp - 38 (5 TD, 1 FG)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Blocked Kicks (by Md.) - 3 (2FG, Punt)
Blocked Kicks (by Opp.) - 1 (FG)

KICKOFF COVERAGE

Kickoffs - Md. 75, Opp. 44
Fair Catches by - Md. 0, Opp. 0
Touchbacks by - Md. 31, Opp. 18
Onside Attempts -
Md. 0 (0 rec.), Opp. 2 (0 rec.)
Out of Bounds by - Md. 0, Opp. 1
Returns Allowed (Md.) - 44-915 (20.8 avg.)
Returns Allowed (Opp.) - 23-530 (23.0 avg.)

PUNT COVERAGE

Punts - Md. 51, Opp. 81
Blocks by - Md. 1, Opp. 0
Fair Catches by - Md. 0, Opp. 5
Touchbacks - Md. 5, Opp. 6
Inside 20 - Md. 21, Opp. 15
Returns Allowed (Md.) - 24-221 (9.2 avg.)
Returns Allowed (Opp.) - 46-443 (9.6 avg.)

RED ZONE

Md. Scores/Times in Red Zone
Scoring Percentage - 43-45 (.956)
TD Percentage - 30-45 (.667)
Scores - 43 (30 TD, 13 FG)
Non-Scores - 2 (2 End of Half)
Opp. Scores/Times in Red Zone
Scoring Percentage - 20-25 (.800)
TD Percentage - 16-25 (.600)
Scores - 20 (16 TD, 4 FG)
Non-Scores - 5 (Blocked FG, Missed FG, 2 Downs, Int.)

Terrapin When...

	Total	ACC
Record	9-3	6-2
Home	6-0	4-0
Away	3-3	2-2
Neutral	0-0	0-0
Current Streak	Won 4	Won 4
Current Home Streak	Won 11	Won 7
Current Road Streak	Won 2	Won 2
Day Game	4-0	4-0
Night Game	5-3	2-2
TV Game	5-3	5-2
August	0-1	0-0
September	3-1	0-1
October	2-1	2-1
November	4-0	4-0
vs. Top 25	0-1	0-1
Scoring First	7-3	4-2
Come-From-Behind	3-3	3-2
Leading After 1st Qtr	6-2	3-1
Tied After 1st Qtr	0-1	0-1
Behind After 1st Qtr	3-0	3-0
Leading at Halftime	7-0	4-0
Tied at Halftime	0-1	0-1
Behind at Halftime	2-2	2-1
Leading After 3rd Qtr	8-1	5-1
Tied After 3rd Qtr	0-1	0-0
Behind After 3rd Qtr	1-1	1-1
Overtime	0-1	0-0
Scoring 20+ Points	9-0	6-0
Scoring 30+ Points	6-0	3-0
Allowing 10- Points	3-1	1-1
Allowing 20- Points	6-2	3-1
With 100-Yard Rusher	4-0	3-0
Allowing 100-Yard Rusher	2-0	1-0
With 300-Yard Passer	1-0	1-0
Allowing 300-Yard Passer	1-0	1-0
Outgain Opponent	8-1	5-1
Fewer Turnovers	4-0	3-0
More Time of Possession	6-0	4-0

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Career Starts In Superscript

Offense

GAME	WR / TE	Left Tackle	Left Guard	Center	Right Guard	Right Tackle	TE / WR	Quarterback	Tailback	FB / TE	Wide Receiver
at No. Illinois	J.Williams[15]	Heyer[1]	Brooks[26]	Schmitt[3]	Patterson[1]	Dumas[15]	Dugan[43]	McBrien[13]	Allen[1]	Fiddler	Harrison[1]
at Florida State	J.Williams[16]	Heyer[2]	Brooks[27]	Schmitt[4]	Tyler[1]	Dumas[16]	Parson[1]	McBrien[14]	Perry[4]	Fiddler[2]	Harrison[2]
The Citadel	Suter[2]	Heyer[3]	Brooks[28]	Schmitt[5]	Flynn[1]	Dumas[17]	Dugan[36]	McBrien[15]	Allen[2]	M.Smith[1]	Harrison[3]
West Virginia	R.Abiamiri[2]	Heyer[4]	Brooks[29]	Schmitt[6]	Bryant[32]	Dumas[18]	Dugan[37]	McBrien[16]	Allen[3]	M.Smith[2]	Fenner[1]
at E. Michigan	Suter[3]	Heyer[5]	Brooks[30]	Schmitt[7]	Bryant[33]	Dumas[19]	Dugan[38]	McBrien[19]	Allen[4]	Fiddler[3]	Harrison[14]
Clemson	Suter[4]	Heyer[6]	Brooks[31]	Schmitt[8]	Bryant[34]	Dumas[20]	Dugan[39]	McBrien[20]	Allen[5]	Fiddler[4]	Harrison[15]
Duke	Suter[5]	Heyer[7]	Brooks[32]	Schmitt[9]	Bryant[35]	Dumas[21]	Dugan[40]	McBrien[21]	Allen[6]	Fiddler[5]	Harrison[16]
at Georgia Tech	Suter[6]	Heyer[8]	Brooks[33]	Schmitt[10]	Bryant[36]	Dumas[22]	Dugan[41]	McBrien[22]	Perry[14]	Fiddler[6]	Harrison[17]
North Carolina	Suter[7]	Heyer[9]	Brooks[34]	Schmitt[11]	Bryant[37]	Dumas[23]	Dugan[42]	McBrien[2]	Perry[15]	Fiddler[7]	Harrison[18]
Virginia	Suter[8]	Heyer[10]	Brooks[35]	Schmitt[12]	Bryant[38]	Dumas[24]	Dugan[43]	McBrien[24]	Allen[7]	D.Miller[1]	Harrison[19]
at NC State	Suter[9]	Heyer[11]	Brooks[36]	Schmitt[13]	Bryant[39]	Dumas[25]	Dugan[44]	McBrien[25]	Allen[8]	Fiddler[8]	Harrison[20]
at Wake Forest	J.Williams[17]	Heyer[12]	Brooks[37]	Schmitt[14]	Bryant[40]	Dumas[26]	Dugan[45]	McBrien[26]	Perry[15]	Davis	Harrison[4]

Defense

GAME	LEO	Def. Tackle	Nose Tackle	Def. End	WLB	MLB	SLB	Cornerback	Strong Safety	Free Safety	Cornerback
at No. Illinois	Cochran[14]	Starks[7]	Feldheim[20]	S.Smith[1]	Joe[25]	Jackson[1]	Ambush[14]	Cox[34]	D.Wilson[19]	M.Williams[1]	Foxworth[1]
at Florida State	Cochran[15]	Starks[18]	Feldheim[21]	S.Smith[2]	Joe[26]	Jackson[2]	Ambush[14]	Cox[35]	D.Wilson[20]	M.Williams[16]	Foxworth[15]
The Citadel	Cochran[16]	Starks[19]	Feldheim[22]	S.Smith[3]	Joe[27]	Jackson[3]	Ambush[15]	Cox[36]	D.Wilson[21]	M.Williams[17]	Foxworth[19]
West Virginia	Cochran[17]	Starks[20]	Feldheim[23]	Eli[1]	Joe[28]	Jackson[4]	Ambush[16]	Cox[37]	D.Wilson[22]	M.Williams[18]	Foxworth[20]
at E. Michigan	Cochran[18]	Starks[21]	Feldheim[24]	Eli[2]	Joe[29]	Jackson[5]	Ambush[17]	Cox[38]	D.Wilson[23]	M.Williams[19]	Foxworth[21]
Clemson	Merriman[1]	Starks[22]	Feldheim[25]	Eli[3]	Joe[30]	Jackson[6]	Ambush[18]	Cox[39]	D.Wilson[24]	M.Williams[20]	Foxworth[22]
Duke	Cochran[19]	Starks[23]	Feldheim[26]	Eli[4]	Joe[31]	Jackson[7]	Ambush[19]	Cox[40]	D.Wilson[25]	M.Williams[21]	Foxworth[23]
at Georgia Tech	Merriman[2]	Starks[24]	Feldheim[27]	Eli[5]	Joe[32]	Jackson[8]	Ambush[20]	Cox[41]	D.Wilson[26]	M.Williams[22]	Foxworth[24]
North Carolina	Merriman[3]	Starks[25]	Feldheim[28]	Eli[6]	Joe[33]	Jackson[9]	Ambush[21]	Cox[42]	D.Wilson[27]	M.Williams[23]	Foxworth[25]
Virginia	Merriman[4]	Starks[26]	Feldheim[29]	Eli[7]	Joe[34]	Jackson[10]	Ambush[22]	Cox[43]	D.Wilson[28]	M.Williams[24]	Foxworth[26]
at NC State	Cochran[20]	Starks[27]	Feldheim[30]	Eli[8]	Joe[35]	Jackson[11]	Ambush[23]	Cox[44]	D.Wilson[29]	M.Williams[25]	Foxworth[27]
at Wake Forest	Cochran[21]	Starks[28]	Feldheim[31]	Eli[9]	Joe[36]	Jackson[12]	Ambush[24]	Chance[1]	D.Wilson[30]	M.Williams[26]	Foxworth[28]

Class Starters by Game (Includes Kicker/Punter)

GAME	Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	R-Freshmen	True Freshmen	Total
at No. Illinois	13	6	4	1	0	24
at Florida State	14	7	2	1	0	24
The Citadel	11	9	3	1	0	24
West Virginia	10	9	4	1	0	24
at E. Michigan	12	8	3	1	0	24
Clemson	12	7	4	1	0	24
Duke	12	8	3	1	0	24
at Georgia Tech	13	7	3	1	0	24
North Carolina	13	7	3	1	0	24
Virginia	11	7	5	1	0	24
at NC State	12	8	3	1	0	24
at Wake Forest	13	7	2	1	1	24

Terrapin Playing Experience Superlatives

	Offense	Defense
Most overall starts, career —	45, Jeff Dugan (TE) 40, Lamar Bryant (OG)	44, Curome Cox (CB) 36, Leon Joe (LB)
Most overall starts, 2003 —	12, Heyer (OT); Brooks (OG); Schmitt (C); Dumas (OT); McBrien (QB)	12, by 8
Most consecutive starts, career —	26, Scott McBrien (QB) 19, C.J. Brooks (OT)	25, Randy Starks (DT); Dennard Wilson (SS); Madieu Williams (FS); Domonique Foxworth (CB)
Most consecutive starts, 2003 —	12, by 5	12, by 8

PARTICIPATION CHART

SENIORS (21)	NI	FS	CT	WV	EM	CU	DU	GT	NC	VA	ST	WF
1 Perry TB	inj	S	inj	x	x	x	x	S	S	inj	x	S
4 Harrison WR	S	S	S	x	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
7 McBrien OB	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
10 M. Williams FS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
11 Evans OB	cd	x	x	x	x	cd	cd	dnt	x	cd	cd	cd
13 D. Wilson SS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
19 J. Williams WR	S	S	x	inj	inj	x	cd	x	cd	x	x	S
23 A. Smith SS	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
24 Ambush LB	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
30 Cox CB	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	inj
32 Joe LB	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
37 Chance CB	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	S
44 Fiddler FB	S	S	x	inj	S	S	S	S	S	x	S	x
51 Henley LB	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
54 S. Smith DE	S	S	S	inj	inj	inj	inj	inj	inj	inj	inj	inj
61 Tyler OG	inj	S	x	x	x	cd	x	x	x	x	cd	cd
73 Bryant OG	inj	inj	inj	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
75 Dumas OT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
82 Dugan TE	S	x	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
96 Feldheim NT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
97 Abari DT	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Class Participation	17-13	20-14	19-11	18-10	19-12	18-12	18-12	19-13	19-13	18-11	18-12	17-12

JUNIORS (23)	NI	FS	CT	WV	EM	CU	DU	GT	NC	VA	ST	WF
2 Kelley SS	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
3 R. Abiamiri TE	x	x	x	S	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
6 Foxworth CB	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
15 C. Williams WR	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
18 Shanks WR	dnt	dnt	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
22 Parson WR	x	S	x	x	x	x	x	inj	inj	x	x	x
26 Custis FS	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
29 Maldonado TB	x	x	x	x	cd	cd	x	x	x	inj	inj	inj
31 Aje DB	dnt	dnt	x	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
34 Suter WR	inj	x	S	x	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
40 M. Smith FB	x	x	S	S	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
41 Eli DE	x	x	x	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
46 Novak PK	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
47 Condo LEO	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
49 Cochran LEO	S	S	S	S	S	x	S	x	x	x	S	S
57 Starks DT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
72 Schmitt C	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
74 Brooks OT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
76 Scott DE	cd	x	x	x	x	x	x	cd	x	x	cd	x
78 Flynn OT	x	x	S	x	inj	inj	inj	inj	x	x	x	cd
79 Lombardo OT	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
80 Onwuemene WR	cd	cd	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
93 Bryan NT	dnt	dnt	x	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
Class Participation	17-6	19-7	22-9	20-9	18-8	18-7	19-8	17-7	19-7	18-7	18-8	18-8

SOPHOMORES (18)	NI	FS	CT	WV	EM	CU	DU	GT	NC	VA	ST	WF
5 Dickerson FB/DL	x	cd	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
8 Merrills TB	dnt	dnt	x	cd	x	cd	cd	dnt	x	x	cd	cd
9 Walker WR	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
33 Allen TB	S	x	S	S	S	S	S	x	x	S	S	x
38 McPhearson CB	x	x	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
45 Merriman LEO	x	x	x	x	x	S	x	S	S	S	x	x
48 Kershaw LB	x	x	x	x	x	cd	x	cd	x	x	x	x
52 Jackson LB	S	S	S	[illegible]	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
60 Patterson OG	S	x	x	[illegible]	cd	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
64 Duffie NT	dnt	dnt	inj	inj	inj	inj	inj	inj	inj	inj	inj	inj
65 M.Powell OT	cd	cd	cd	x	x	cd	x	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd

SOPHOMORES (cont)	NI	FS	CT	WV	EM	CU	DU	GT	NC	VA	ST	WF
68 McDonald OG	cd	cd	x	x	x	cd	x	cd	x	cd	cd	cd
70 Heyer OT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
77 Bonham OG	cd	cd	x	x	x	cd	x	cd	x	cd	inj	inj
83 Fenner WR	x	x	x	S	x	x	x	x	x	inj	inj	inj
84 D. Miller TE	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	S	x	x
85 Melendez WR	x	x	x	inj	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
85 Augustyn WR	cd	dnt	x	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
Class Participation	12-4	11-2	12-3	13-4	14-3	9-4	13-3	9-3	13-3	10-5	9-3	9-2

R-FRESHMEN (16)	NI	FS	CT	WV	EM	CU	DU	GT	NC	VA	ST	WF
11 Ennis PK	cd	cd	x	cd	cd	cd	x	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd
12 Wimbush FS	dnt	dnt	x	cd	cd	cd	cd	x	cd	cd	cd	cd
14 Brant FS	dnt	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
14 Hollenbach OB	cd	cd	x	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd
16 Statham OB	cd	cd	x	cd	x	cd	x	x	x	cd	cd	cd
20 Humber TB	cd	x	x	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	x	cd	cd	cd
21 Choice CB	dnt	dnt	x	cd	cd	cd	x	cd	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
36 Podlesh P	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
44 J. Smith LB	dnt	dnt	x	cd	cd	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
50 Stellacci LB	dnt	cd	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
53 Holmes LB	cd	x	x	x	x	cd	x	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd
59 Holloway LB	cd	x	x	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd
81 P. Abiamiri WR	dnt	dnt	x	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
86 Schell TE	cd	cd	x	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
88 Quaintance DT	dnt	dnt	x	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	inj	inj
92 Sanders TE	dnt	dnt	x	x	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	cd	cd
Class Participation	1-1	4-1	13-1	3-1	3-1	1-1	5-1	3-1	3-1	1-1	1-1	1-1

TRUE FRESH. (21)	NI	FS	CT	WV	EM	CU	DU	GT	NC	VA	ST	WF
10 Mitch OB	dnt	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd
25 J. Wilson CB	dnt	dnt	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
27 Cesa LB	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd
31 Ball TB	dnt	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
35 Jefferson LB	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd
39 Richmond FS	dnt	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
50 Lemons LB	dnt	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
55 McDermond OL	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd
58 Nixon OT	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
63 Crummey C/G	cd	dnt	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd
66 Clig OG	dnt	cd	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
69 Woods OG	dnt	dnt	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
71 Choate OT	dnt	dnt	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	cd	dnt	cd
76 Matto OG	dnt	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
80 Haynos TE	dnt	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
87 Davis TE	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	S
89 Weatherly WR	cd	cd	cd	x	inj	cd	x	cd	x	x	cd	cd
90 P.Powell DE	dnt	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
91 Armstrong DT	cd	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
95 Bolston DE	cd	x	x	x	x	x	x	cd	x	cd	x	x
98 Savage LB	dnt	cd	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	cd	cd	dnt	dnt
Class Participation	1-0	3-0	4-0	5-0	4-0	4-0	5-0	3-0	5-0	4-0	4-0	4-1

ACTIVE PLAYERS	48	57	70	59	58	50	60	51	59	51	50	49

x – indicates played in game
S – indicates started game
cd – indicates did not play/coach's decision
inj – indicates did not play or travel due to injury
dnt – indicates did not travel for reason other than injury
rs - indicates will sit out season as a redshirt

SEASON SUPERLATIVES

Individual Maryland Game Highs

Rushes	38	Josh Allen vs Virginia (Nov 13, 2003)
Yards Rushing	257	Josh Allen vs Virginia (Nov 13, 2003)
TD Rushes	3	Bruce Perry at Wake Forest (Nov 29, 2003)
Long Rush	80	Josh Allen vs Virginia (Nov 13, 2003)
		Bruce Perry at Wake Forest (Nov 29, 2003)
Pass attempts	37	Scott McBrien at NC State (Nov 22, 2003)
Pass completions	18	Scott McBrien vs Duke (Oct 11, 2003)
Yards Passing	349	Scott McBrien vs North Carolina (Nov 01, 2003)
TD Passes	4	Scott McBrien vs North Carolina (Nov 01, 2003)
Long Pass	69	Scott McBrien vs Clemson (Oct 04, 2003)
Receptions	6	JoJo Walker at NC State (Nov 22, 2003)
Yards Receiving	114	Rich Parson at NC State (Nov 22, 2003)
TD Receptions	2	Latrez Harrison vs North Carolina (Nov 01, 2003)
Long Reception	69	Derrick Fenner vs Clemson (Oct 04, 2003)
Field Goals	4	Nick Novak vs The Citadel (Sep 13, 2003)
		Nick Novak vs Duke (Oct 11, 2003)
Long Field Goal	54	Nick Novak vs Duke (Oct 11, 2003)
Punts	8	Adam Podlesh at Northern Illinois (Aug 28, 2003)
Punting Avg	60.0	Adam Podlesh vs The Citadel (Sep 13, 2003)
Long Punt	63	Adam Podlesh at Northern Illinois (Aug 28, 2003)
Long Punt Return	75	Steve Suter vs The Citadel (Sep 13, 2003)
Long Kickoff Return	67	Steve Suter vs North Carolina (Nov 01, 2003)
Tackles	16	D'Owell Jackson at Eastern Michigan (Sep 27, 2003)
Sacks	2.0	Kevin Eli vs West Virginia (Sep 20, 2003)
		Shawne Merriman vs Clemson (Oct 04, 2003)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	Kevin Eli vs West Virginia (Sep 20, 2003)
		Randy Starks vs Duke (Oct 11, 2003)
		Randy Starks vs Virginia (Nov 13, 2003)
Interceptions	1	Domonique Foxworth at Northern Illinois (Aug 28, 2003)
		D'Owell Jackson at Florida State (Sep 06, 2003)
		Madieu Williams vs The Citadel (Sep 13, 2003)
		Domonique Foxworth at Eastern Michigan (Sep 27, 2003)
		Madieu Williams vs Clemson (Oct 04, 2003)
		Leon Joe vs Clemson (Oct 04, 2003)
		Andrew Smith vs Duke (Oct 11, 2003)
		Curome Cox at Georgia Tech (Oct 23, 2003)
		Domonique Foxworth vs North Carolina (Nov 01, 2003)
		Curome Cox at NC State (Nov 22, 2003)
		Madieu Williams at Wake Forest (Nov 29, 2003)
		D'Owell Jackson at Wake Forest (Nov 29, 2003)

Maryland Team Highs

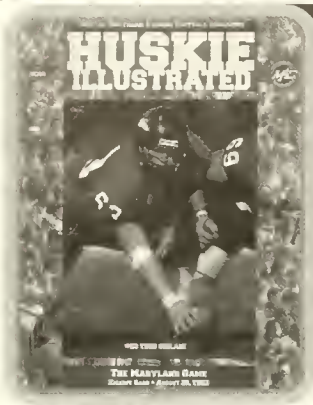
Rushes	53	vs The Citadel (Sep 13, 2003)
Yards Rushing	339	at Wake Forest (Nov 29, 2003)
Yards Per Rush	7.5	at Wake Forest (Nov 29, 2003)
TD Rushes	5	vs The Citadel (Sep 13, 2003)
Pass attempts	37	at NC State (Nov 22, 2003)
Pass completions	18	vs Duke (Oct 11, 2003)
Yards Passing	360	vs North Carolina (Nov 01, 2003)
Yards Per Pass	13.3	vs North Carolina (Nov 01, 2003)
TD Passes	4	vs North Carolina (Nov 01, 2003)
Total Plays	80	vs The Citadel (Sep 13, 2003)
Total Offense	612	vs North Carolina (Nov 01, 2003)
Yards Per Play	8.0	at Wake Forest (Nov 29, 2003)
Points	61	vs The Citadel (Sep 13, 2003)
Sacks By	6	vs Clemson (Oct 04, 2003)
First Downs	28	vs The Citadel (Sep 13, 2003)
		vs West Virginia (Sep 20, 2003)
Penalties	10	vs West Virginia (Sep 20, 2003)
Penalty Yards	90	at Northern Illinois (Aug 28, 2003)
Turnovers	4	at Georgia Tech (Oct 23, 2003)
Interceptions By	2	vs Clemson (Oct 04, 2003)
		at Wake Forest (Nov 29, 2003)

Individual Opponent Game Highs

Rushes	30	Turner, Michael, at Northern Illinois (Aug 28, 2003)
Yards Rushing	243	Barclay, C., at Wake Forest (Nov 29, 2003)
TD Rushes	3	Barclay, C., at Wake Forest (Nov 29, 2003)
Long Rush	74	Barclay, C., at Wake Forest (Nov 29, 2003)
Pass attempts	47	Schneider, Mike, vs Duke (Oct 11, 2003)
Pass completions	22	Whitehurst, C., vs Clemson (Oct 04, 2003)
Yards Passing	320	Whitehurst, C., vs Clemson (Oct 04, 2003)
TD Passes	2	Haldi, Josh, at Northern Illinois (Aug 28, 2003)
		Rix, C., at Florida State (Sep 06, 2003)
Long Pass	70	Whitehurst, C., vs Clemson (Oct 04, 2003)
Receptions	13	Fleck, P.J., at Northern Illinois (Aug 28, 2003)
Yards Receiving	175	Hamilton, Derr., vs Clemson (Oct 04, 2003)
TD Receptions	1	Sheldon, Dan, at Northern Illinois (Aug 28, 2003)
		Fleck, P.J., at Northern Illinois (Aug 28, 2003)
		Thorpe, C., at Florida State (Sep 06, 2003)
		Sam, P.K., at Florida State (Sep 06, 2003)
		Zureki, Kevin, at Eastern Michigan (Sep 27, 2003)
		Hamilton, Derr., vs Clemson (Oct 04, 2003)
		Johnson, Lance, vs Duke (Oct 11, 2003)
		Smith, J., at Georgia Tech (Oct 23, 2003)
		Scott, C., vs North Carolina (Nov 01, 2003)
		Pearman, A., vs Virginia (Nov 13, 2003)
Long Reception	70	Hamilton, Derr., vs Clemson (Oct 04, 2003)
Field Goals	2	Azar, Steve, at Northern Illinois (Aug 28, 2003)
		Wellock, Andrew, at Eastern Michigan (Sep 27, 2003)
Long Field Goal	52	Azar, Steve, at Northern Illinois (Aug 28, 2003)
Punts	11	Travis Zobel, vs The Citadel (Sep 13, 2003)
Punting Avg	54.0	Hall, C., at Florida State (Sep 06, 2003)
Long Punt	58	Herbert, A., at NC State (Nov 22, 2003)
Long Punt Return	83	Hall, T., at NC State (Nov 22, 2003)
Long Kickoff Return	96	Mason, M., vs North Carolina (Nov 01, 2003)
Tackles	16	Lusky, David, at Eastern Michigan (Sep 27, 2003)
Sacks	2.0	Fred Townsend, vs The Citadel (Sep 13, 2003)
		Mclee, Kevin, vs West Virginia (Sep 20, 2003)
		Henderson, E., at Georgia Tech (Oct 23, 2003)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	Henderson, E., at Georgia Tech (Oct 23, 2003)
Interceptions	2	Butler, J., at Georgia Tech (Oct 23, 2003)

Opponent Team Highs

Rushes	48	at Wake Forest (Nov 29, 2003)
Yards Rushing	316	at Wake Forest (Nov 29, 2003)
Yards Per Rush	6.6	at Wake Forest (Nov 29, 2003)
TD Rushes	4	at Wake Forest (Nov 29, 2003)
Pass attempts	47	vs Duke (Oct 11, 2003)
Pass completions	22	vs Clemson (Oct 04, 2003)
Yards Passing	320	vs Clemson (Oct 04, 2003)
Yards Per Pass	9.2	at NC State (Nov 22, 2003)
TD Passes	2	at Northern Illinois (Aug 28, 2003)
		at Florida State (Sep 06, 2003)
Total Plays	92	vs Duke (Oct 11, 2003)
Total Offense	427	at Florida State (Sep 06, 2003)
Yards Per Play	6.8	vs North Carolina (Nov 01, 2003)
Points	35	at Florida State (Sep 06, 2003)
Sacks By	3	at Florida State (Sep 06, 2003)
		vs The Citadel (Sep 13, 2003)
		at Georgia Tech (Oct 23, 2003)
		at NC State (Nov 22, 2003)
First Downs	25	vs Duke (Oct 11, 2003)
Penalties	13	vs Duke (Oct 11, 2003)
Penalty Yards	88	vs Duke (Oct 11, 2003)
Turnovers	3	vs North Carolina (Nov 01, 2003)
		at NC State (Nov 22, 2003)
Interceptions By	2	at Georgia Tech (Oct 23, 2003)



GAME 1

Huskie Stadium
DeKalb, Ill.
Aug. 28, 2003

Northern Illinois 20
#15 Maryland 13 (ot)

DEKALB, Ill. — After Dan Sheldon caught a 20-yard touchdown pass from Josh Haldi in overtime, Randee Drew turned the score into a victory when he intercepted a pass in the extra period to lift Northern Illinois to a victory over 15th-ranked Maryland in the season opener for both teams played before a sellout crowd.

The homestanding Huskies forced the overtime with a 25-yard field goal by Steve Azar with just 1:12 left. After NIU held the Terps on the next possession, the Huskies drove 43 yards in 27 seconds to set up Azar with a 43-yard field goal with five seconds left that could have won the game. But Maryland's Curtis Williams blocked the attempt, sending the game into overtime.

The Terrapins scored on their first possession of the game when Josh Allen dived over from the 1-yard line midway through the first quarter. The score capped an eight-play, 58-yard drive and gave Allen a score in his first start as a Terrapin.

The Huskies took a 10-7 lead into halftime, getting a 52-yard field goal by Azar and a 5-yard scoring pass from Haldi to P.J. Fleck. Haldi finished with 266 yards passing, including 116 on 13 catches by Fleck.

Northern Illinois' star running back Michael Turner finished the game with 30 carries for 90 yards.

A 46-yard field goal by Maryland's Nick Novak tied the game early in the third quarter, and the Terrapins went ahead 13-10 midway through the fourth quarter when Novak boomed a 50-yard field goal.

Scott McBrien hit 12 of 24 passes for 110 yards for theTerrapins, who were led on the ground by Allen's 67 yards on 20 carries. Redshirt freshman punter Adam Podlesh kept the Terps out of trouble through much of the game, averaging 45.4 yards in his collegiate debut and pinning NIU inside its own 20-yard line on four of his eight punts.

D'Qwell Jackson took advantage of his first career start, finishing with a team-high 15 tackles, with Leon Joe adding 14 for a Maryland defe[nse] that allowed the Huski[es] just 59 yards rushing.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
MARYLAND (0-1)	7	0	3	3	0	13
Northern Ill. (1-0)	0	10	0	3	7	20

First Quarter
MD - Josh Allen 1 run (Nick Novak kick), 8:43
Second Quarter
NIU - FG Steve Azar 52, 14:51
NIU - P.J. Fleck 5 pass from Josh Haldi (Azar kick), 7:15
Third Quarter
MD - FG Nick Novak 46, 9:42
Fourth Quarter
MD - FG Nick Novak 50, 9:10
NIU - FG Steve Azar 25, 1:12
Overtime
NIU - Dan Sheldon 20 pass from Josh Haldi (Azar kick)

	MD	NIU
First Downs	12	21
Rushes-Yards	35-112	43-59
Comp-Att-Int	12-24-1	21-35-1
Passing Yards	110	266
Return Yards	150	61
Punts	8-45.4	7-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-90	5-56
Sacks By-Yards Lost	5-47	2-5
Time of Possession	26:46	33:14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-Maryland: Josh Allen 20-67, Sam Maldonado 4-19, Scott McBrien 9-17, Rich Parson 1-10, Team 1-(-1); NIU: Michael Turner 30-90, Team 1-(-1), Josh Haldi 12-(-30).

PASSING-Maryland: Scott McBrien 12-24-1-110; NIU: Josh Haldi 21-35-1-266.

RECEIVING-Maryland: Latrez Harrison 4-48, Rich Parson 3-12, Jafar Williams 2-18, Dan Melendez 1-15, Scott McBrien 1-9, Josh Allen 1-8; NIU: P.J. Fleck 13-[illegible]6, Keith Perry 3-54, Dan Sheldon 3-34, Michael Turner 1-41, Brad Ciesiak 1-21.

MISSED FIELD GOALS-NIU: Steve Azar 43 (blocked by Curtis Williams).

TACKLES-Maryland: O'Qwell Jackson 8-7-15, Leon Joe 7-7-14, Leroy Am[illegible], Madieu Williams 6-0-6, Andrew Smith 5-0-5, Shawne Merriman [illegible]tark, 3-2-5, C.J. Feldheim 1-4-5; NIU: Nick Ouffy 4-4-8, Vinson [illegible], Lionel Hickenbottom 4-2-6.

ATT: [illegible], WEATHER: 88 degrees, hazy.

GAME 2

Doak Campbell Stadium
Tallahassee, Fla.
Sept. 6, 2003

#10 Florida State 35
Maryland 10

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Maryland took a 10-0 lead in the opening five minutes, but 10th-ranked Florida State reeled off 35 unanswered points to earn a victory over the Terrapins in Maryland's Atlantic Coast Conference opener played before 82,885 at Doak Campbell Stadium.

Seminole quarterback Chris Rix passed for a pair of touchdowns, while senior tailback Greg Jones added two other scores on the ground. Jones finished the game with 88 yards on 14 carries for FSU.

D'Qwell Jackson started the scoring for the Terps by making the most of his first career interception. He picked off a pass from Rix and went 58 yards for a touchdown, running through Rix and Lorenzo Booker on the way to the end zone just 1:54 into the game.

On the next drive, the Terps turned a long punt return from Steve Suter into a 44-yard field goal from Nick Novak that gave Maryland a 10-0 lead in the opening 4:54.

Florida State came back to score on its next possession.

Rix, who completed 16 of 29 passes for 228 yards, had his first TD pass on 18-yarder to Craphonso Thorpe midway through the first quarter. Jones' first touchdown run, a 44-yard scamper, came early in the second quarter and gave the Seminoles their first lead of the game at 14-10. Jones dived in from the 1-yard line with 5:38 left in the second quarter to give Florida State a 21-10 halftime lead.

Both defenses stiffened early in the third quarter, as Maryland kept the Seminoles within reach. On their second possession after halftime, Maryland drove into FSU territory, but had to punt. From there, Florida State went on an 80-yard, 11-play drive that was capped by a 34-yard scoring pass from Rix to P.K. Sam, putting the Seminoles ahead 28-10.

FSU finished the scoring on a 2-yard plunge by Willie Reid that was set up by a Terrapin turnover.

Orlando Evans came off the bench to complete 7 of 12 passes for 57yards for the Terps, who got four catches from Jo Jo Walker. Bruce Perry returned from an injury suffered during fall camp, gaining 32 yards rushing and five more on a reception in his first start of the season.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
MARYLAND (0-2, 0-1)	10	0	0	0	10
No. 10 Florida State (2-0, 2-0)	7	14	7	7	35

First Quarter
MD - O'Qwell Jackson 58 interception return (Nick Novak kick), 13:06
MD - FG Nick Novak 44, 10:06
FS - Craphonso Thorpe 18 pass fr Chris Rix (Xavier Beitia kick), 7:28
Second Quarter
FS - Greg Jones 44 run (Beitia kick), 11:29
FS - Greg Jones 1 run (Beitia kick), 5:38
Third Quarter
FS - P.K. Sam 34 pass fr Rix (Beitia kick), 0:07
Fourth Quarter
FS - Willie Reid 2 run (Beitia kick), 9:06

	MD	FS
First Downs	13	23
Rushes-Yards	31-73	46-196
Comp-Att-Int	14-31-1	17-30-1
Passing Yards	124	231
Return Yards	196	88
Punts	7-43.7	7-42.7
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-55	10-81
Sacks By-Yards Lost	2-17	3-20
Time of Possession	26:07	33:53

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-Maryland: Sammy Maldonado 9-41, Bruce Perry 10-32, Scott McBrien 4-22, Jo Jo Walker 1-1, Josh Allen 2-1, Rich Parson 1-0, Team 1-(-1), Orlando Evans 3-(-23); Florida State: Greg Jones 14-88, Lorenzo Booker 7-42, Willie Reid 8-30, Chris Rix 8-15, James Coleman 2-11, PK Sam 1-8, B.J. Dean 3-5, Ryan Reynolds 2-3, Team 1-(-6).

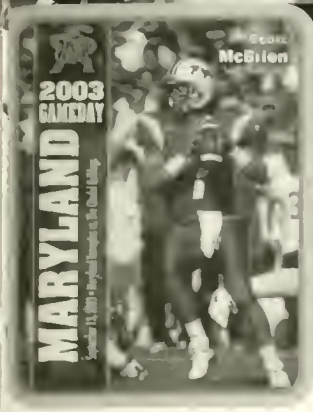
PASSING - Maryland: Scott McBrien 6-18-1-61, Orlando Evans 7-12-0-57, Latrez Harrison 1-1-0-6; Florida State: Chris Rix 16-29-1-228, Fabian Walker 1-1-0-3.

RECEIVING - Maryland: Jo Jo Walker 4-41, Derrick Fenner 2-12, Rich Parson 1-23, Latrez Harrison 1-14, Jafar Williams 1-9, Derek Miller 1-8, Maunce Smith 1-7, Bruce Perry 1-5, Rob Abiamiri 1-4, Vernon Davis 1-1; Florida State: Craphonso Thorpe 5-56, PK Sam 3-113, Chris Davis 3-25, Chauncey Stovall 2-16, Willie Reid 2-9, Matt Henshaw 1-9, Donnie Carter 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOALS - Florida State: Xavier Beitia 28 (blocked by D'Qwell Jackson).

TACKLES - Maryland: Leon Joe 7-5-12, O'Qwell Jackson 5-6-11, Domonique Foxworth 9-0-9, Jamahl Cochran 7-2-9, Curome Cox 6-1-7, Randy Starks 4-3-7; Florida State: Michael Boulware 4-2-6, A.J. Nicholson 2-3-5, Claudius Osei 0-5-5, Kyler Hall 3-1-4, Kendyll Pope 2-2-4, Eric Moore 2-2-4.

ATT - 82,885. WEATHER - 82 degrees, brief shower, cloudy.



GAME 3

Byrd Stadium
College Park, Md.
Sept. 13, 2003
Maryland 61
The Citadel 0

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Maryland got its struggling offense going early and often, starting with Josh Allen's 72-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage and Maryland went on to score its biggest win since 49 years in a victory over The Citadel before a sellout crowd for the Terrapins' home opener at Byrd Stadium.

Allen finished with 136 yards on only 11 carries, including 119 yards on eight rushes in the first quarter. It was Maryland's first 100-yard rushing effort of the season, and Allen had his century mark in the opening four minutes of the game.

Sammy Maldonado followed with a 7-yard scoring run on the Terps' next possession, as Maryland scored on its first nine possessions, not including a 75-yard punt return for a score by Steve Suter. The first of two scoring runs by Maldonado came after a 12-play, 99-yard scoring drive.

Suter followed the score with his first punt return TD of the year, following the four he had a year ago. Nick Novak closed the first-quarter scoring with a 31-yard field goal, his first of four on the day and running a string of successful kicks to 7-for-7 field goals and 6-for-6 in extra-point kicks.

Maldonado went over from three yards out to open the scoring in the second quarter for the Terps. Novak followed with field goals of 38 and 21 yards before McBrien dived over from the 1-yard line on the final play of the first half and Maryland went to the locker room with a 44-0 halftime lead and holding a 21-2 edge in first downs.

Meanwhile, the Maryland defense was well on its way to a shutout, holding the Bulldogs to just 41 yards in total offense in the first half. Quarterback Willie Simmons was 2-for-11 passing for 18 yards in the first two quarters, and The Citadel ended the game having completed only three passes.

The Terps, who needed to punt only once in the game, got three scores in the second half, as Maryland rested its starters after halftime. Novak had his final field goal of the contest before reserve quarterback Orlando Evans hit Derrick Fenner with a 62-yard touchdown pass.

Mano Memills finished the scoring with a 4-yard run in the final quarter.

Maryland's lopsided win was its largest since a 74-13 rout of Missouri in 1954. The Terps scored more points in the first quarter than they had in the first two games of 2003.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
The Citadel (1-2)	0	0	0	0	0
MARYLAND (1-2)	24	20	10	7	61

First Quarter
MD - Josh Allen 72 run (Nick Novak kick), 14:44
MD - Sammy Maldonado 7 run (Novak kick), 6:52
MD - Steve Suter 75 punt return (Novak kick), 5:35
MD - FG Nick Novak 31, 0:42
Second Quarter
MD - Sammy Maldonado 3 run (Novak kick), 11:50
MD - FG Nick Novak 38, 6:18
MD - FG Nick Novak 21, 2:10
MD - Scott McBrien 1 run (Dan Ennis kick), 0:00
Third Quarter
MD - FG Nick Novak 42, 8:02
MD - Derrick Fenner 62 pass fr Orlando Evans (Ennis kick), 3:52
Fourth Quarter
MD - Mano Memills 4 run (Ennis kick), 4:54

	CIT	MD
First Downs	7	28
Rushes-Yards	31-90	53-282
Comp-Att-Int	3-20-1	17-27-0
Passing Yards	47	283
Return Yards	117	202
Punts	11-36.9	1-60.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-54	7-64
Sacks By-Yards Lost	3-18	2-16
Time of Possession	24:15	35:45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-The Citadel: Em Mills 10-58, Nehemiah Broughton 12-31, Justin Hardin 1-3, Porter Johnson 1-0, Willie Simmons 4-0, Chris Gibbs 3-(-2), Maryland: Josh Allen 11-136, Sammy Maldonado 12-66, Mano Memills 13-42, J.P. Humber 6-24, Scott McBrien 5-15, Jafar Williams 1-3, Joel Statham 3-(-2), Orlando Evans 2-(-2)

PASSING - The Citadel: Willie Simmons 3-20-1-47. Maryland: Scott McBrien 12-20-0-178, Orlando Evans 4-6-0-70, Joel Statham 1-1-0-35

RECEIVING - The Citadel: Bud Pough 1-29, Scooter Johnson 1-11, Ross Armstrong 1-7, Maryland: Latrez Harrison 4-51, Rich Parson 2-46, Josh Allen 2-37, Jeff Dugan 2-22, Jo Jo Walker 2-0, Derrick Fenner 1-62, Curtis Williams 1-35, Sammy Maldonado 1-16, Jafar Williams 1-8, Steve Suter 1-6

TACKLES - The Citadel: T.J. Rose 7-3-10, Shawn Grant 4-5-9, James Turner 2-6-8, Maryland: D'Qwell Jackson 6-1-7, William Kershaw 4-1-5, Dennard Wilson 3-1-4, Randy Starks 2-2-4

ATT - 51,594 WEATHER - 77 degrees, cloudy

GAME 4

Byrd Stadium
College Park, Md.
Sept. 20, 2003
Maryland 34
West Virginia 7

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Maryland dominated the first three quarters offensively and defensively, scoring 34 straight points before allowing a late West Virginia touchdown, in beating the Mountaineers before a sellout crowd at Byrd Stadium.

The Terrapins outgained the Mountaineers, 498-156, and held a 28-11 edge in first downs in controlling both sides of the ball. Maryland had 260 yards on the ground, getting a balanced rushing attack with four different ballcarriers gaining at least 47 yards.

Sammy Maldonado finished with 88 yards, Bruce Perry gained 79 yards and scored a pair of touchdowns, Josh Allen had 54 yards and a score, while quarterback Scott McBrien finished with 47 yards rushing. McBrien also had 220 yards through the air, including his first touchdown pass of the season with a 25-yard strike to Latrez Harrison early in the fourth quarter.

Maryland took the opening kickoff and went 14 plays before a drive stalled. Nick Novak missed a 52-yard field goal attempt, his first missed kick of the season.

The Terps held West Virginia to a three-and-out to set up a 52-yard, five-play scoring drive that ended with a 4-yard TD run by Perry.

WVU picked up one first down on its next possession, but was forced to punt. Maryland then made it 10-0 on a 41-yard field goal by Novak. The Terps' next two possessions ended in a 2-yard scoring run by Allen and a 32-yard field goal by Novak with six seconds left in the first half.

By halftime, Maryland held a 279-58 edge in total offense, and held the ball for 19:46 over the first two quarters.

Maryland scored on its second series of the third quarter, as Perry went in from 12 yards out to make it 27-0. Just 1:15 into the final quarter, the score improved to 34-0 on McBrien's pass to Harrison.

West Virginia, which got 71 yards rushing and 13 yards receiving from Quincy Wilson, averted the shutout when Kay-Jay Harris scored on a 13-yard run with 4:02 left in the game. The score capped a six-play, 50-yard drive. The Mountaineers had 78 of their 156 yards of total offense in the fourth quarter.

Sophomore middle linebacker D'Qwell Jackson led a strong defensive effort with 10 tackles, including a sack. Kevin Eli, making his first career start at defensive end, finished the game with a pair of sacks.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
West Virginia (1-3)	0	0	0	7	7
MARYLAND (2-2)	7	13	7	7	34

First Quarter
MD - Bruce Perry 4 run (Nick Novak kick), 4:38
Second Quarter
MD - FG Nick Novak 41, 10:29
MD - Josh Allen 2 run (Novak kick), 2:23
MD - FG Nick Novak 32, 0:06
Third Quarter
MD - Bruce Perry 12 run (Novak kick), 3:40
Fourth Quarter
MD - Latrez Harrison 25 pass fr Scott McBrien (Novak kick), 13:45
WV - Kay-Jay Harris 13 run (Brad Cooper kick), 4:02

	WV	MD
First Downs	11	28
Rushes-Yards	39-120	49-260
Comp-Att-Int	3-12-0	15-26-1
Passing Yards	36	238
Return Yards	147	67
Punts	9-41.0	1-58.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	9-80	10-80
Sacks By-Yards Lost	2-17	4-24
Time of Possession	26:04	33:56

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - West Virginia: Quincy Wilson 20-71, Kay-Jay Harris 4-34, Charles Hales 4-16, Erich Phillips 3-10, Rasheed Marshall 8-minus 11. Maryland: Sammy Maldonado 13-88, Bruce Perry 14-79, Josh Allen 16-54, Scott McBrien 4-47, Steve Suter 1-1, Orlando Evans 1-minus 9

PASSING - West Virginia: Rasheed Marshall 2-7-0-25, Charles Hales 1-5-0-11. Maryland: Scott McBrien 14-25-1-220, Orlando Evans 1-1-0-18

RECEIVING - West Virginia: Quincy Wilson 2-13, Miquelle Henderson 1-23. Maryland: Latrez Harrison 4-88, Jeff Dugan 3-50, Jo Jo Walker 2-33, Josh Allen 1-19, Maurice Smith 1-18, Derrick Fenner 1-15, Rich Parson 1-12, Rob Abramin 1-8, Bruce Perry -minus 5

TACKLES - West Virginia: Leandre Washington 7-4-11, Grant Wiley 6-3-9, Anthony Mims 7-0-7, Adam Jones 5-2-7, Fred Blueford 2-4-6, Maryland: D. Jackson 10-2-12, M. Williams 5-3-8, Joe 2-5-7, Starks 2-4-6, Merriman 4-1-5, Eli 3-2-5, Ambush 3-1-4, Feldheim 3-1-4

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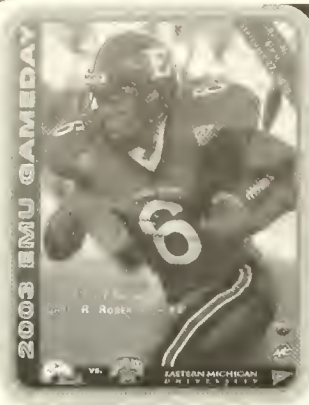


GAME 5

Rynearson Stadium
Ypsilanti, Mich.
Sept. 27, 2003
Maryland 37
Eastern Michigan 13

YPSILANTI, Mich. — Maryland senior quarterback Scott McBrien had his best throwing day of the season thus far, throwing for 252 yards on 14-for-19 passing with one touchdown through the air and another on the ground to lead the Terrapins to a dominating second half and a victory at Eastern Michigan at Rynearson Stadium.

McBrien was 8-for-9 for 148 yards in the second half alone, as Maryland scored the game's final 21 points to break out from the 16-13 edge it held early in the third quarter. He found Danny Melendez on a 14-yard scoring pass midway through the final period, and scored on his own with a 9-yard run on the first play of the fourth quarter.

The Terrapins also stiffened on defense after halftime, allowing the homestanding Eagles to just three points and three first downs in the second half.

Domonique Foxworth got Maryland on the board early. On third down on the Eagles' first possession of the game, Foxworth intercepted a sideline pattern and went 44 yards for a touchdown, Maryland's second interception for a TD this season (D'Qwell Jackson vs. Florida State). Two series later, EMU got a 42-yard field goal from Andrew Wellock to pull within 6-3.

Josh Allen scored the first of his two touchdowns on the day late in the second quarter, capping a 13-play, 70-yard drive. But after EMU recovered a fumble on a punt return, the hosts converted the turnover into an 8-yard scoring pass from Chinedu Okoro to Kevin Zureki with 23 seconds left.

Latrez Harrison gave the Terps good field position with a 31-yard kick return and McBrien found Steve Suter on a 45-yard pass to set up a Nick Novak field goal with two seconds left in the half, sending Maryland into the break with a 16-10 lead.

Eastern took the second-half kickoff 64 yards in nine plays to set up a 25-yard field goal by Wellock. But Maryland responded, using 11 plays to go 83 yards, a drive capped by an 8-yard touchdown run from Allen.

The Terrapins scored on each of their next two possessions to put the game away, as McBrien ran and passed for touchdowns after the next two drives.

Allen finished with 71 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 18 carries, while Suter finished with four catches for the Terps.

Anthony Sherrill became the first opposing running back to hit the [illegible] against Maryland [illegible] rushed 28 times [illegible] yards.

Box Score

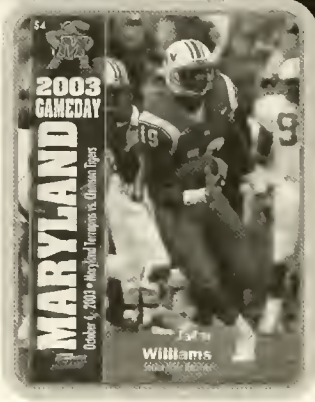
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
MARYLAND (3-2)	6	10	7	14	37
Eastern Michigan (1-4)	3	7	3	0	13

First Quarter
MD - Domonique Foxworth 44 interception return (Novak kick), 12:07
EM - FG Andrew Wellock 42, 2:09
Second Quarter
MD - Josh Allen 1 run (Novak kick), 4:56
EM - Kevin Zureki 8 pass fr Chinedu Okoro (Wellock kick), 0:23
MD - FG Nick Novak 27, 0:02
Third Quarter
EM - FG Andrew Wellock 25, 10:54
MD - Josh Allen 8 run (Novak kick), 5:42
Fourth Quarter
MD - Scott McBrien 9 run (Novak kick), 14:54
MD - Danny Melendez 14 pass fr McBrien (Novak kick), 9:16

	MD	EM
First Downs	22	13
Rushes-Yards	41-199	39-149
Comp-Att-Int	16-21-0	14-20-1
Passing Yards	268	126
Return Yards	105	132
Punts	4-46.5	8-44.1
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-20	3-27
Sacks By-Yards Lost	1-6	0-0
Time of Possession	26:48	33:12

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - Maryland Josh Allen 18-71, Bruce Perry 11-38, Scott McBrien 4-37, Mario Merrills 6-27, Rich Parson 1-15, Steve Suter 1-11, Eastern Michigan Anthony Sherrell 28-117, Nelson Drew 8-30, Chinedu Okoro 3-2
PASSING - Maryland Scott McBrien 14-19-0-252, Orlando Evans 2-2-0-16, Eastern Michigan Chinedu Okoro 14-20-1-126
RECEIVING - Maryland Steve Suter 4-84, Latrez Harrison 3-32, Josh Allen 3-31, Vernon Davis 2-19, Derrick Fenner 1-58, Rich Parson 1-25, Danny Melendez 1-14, Bernie Fiddler 1-5, Eastern Michigan C.R. Roberson 3-23, Adam Jacobs 3-11, LKevin Zureki 2-16, T. Riley 1-30, A.J. Bennett 1k-29, E. [illegible]auriers 1-6, Kevin Howe 1-5, Nelson Drew 1-3, Chris Talley 1-3
TACKLES - Maryland D'Qwell Jackson 9-7-16, Leon Joe 5-5-10, Madieu [illegible]ams 5-2-7, Shawne Merriman 7-0-7, Leroy Ambush 4-2-6, William Kershaw [illegible] Brady Sparks 3-3-6, Eastern Michigan David Lusky 4-12-16, Kevin Harrison [illegible] Keyvon [illegible]ve 4-5-9, Michael Woods 4-3-7, R. Woodruff 1-5-6
ATT - 19[illegible] WEATHER - 63 degrees, cloudy with showers



GAME 6

Byrd Stadium
College Park, Md.
Oct. 4, 2003
Maryland 21
Clemson 7

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Scott McBrien threw three touchdown passes and the Maryland defense held Clemson scoreless in the second half as the Terrapins won their first Atlantic Coast Conference game of the year with a victory over the Tigers before the third straight sellout crowd at Byrd Stadium.

McBrien threw touchdown passes to Steve Suter, Rich Parson and Derrick Fenner as the Terrapins won their fourth straight game and snapped a three-game Tiger win streak.

Clemson took the opening kickoff and drove 49 yards to the Maryland 31, before missing a 48-yard field goal into a stiff wind. The Terps took advantage on their first possession of the game, using 12 plays to go 68 yards to set up a 25-yard scoring pass from McBrien to Suter with 5:41 left in the first quarter.

Maryland's next possession was set up on a short Tiger punt, and the Terps used the short field to their advantage. McBrien ended a 44-yard drive with a 10-yard scoring pass to Parson on a fade pattern, giving the hosts a 14-0 lead just three plays into the second period.

Clemson got on the scoreboard late in the first half when Charlie Whitehurst hit Derrick Hamilton on a 70-yard scoring pass with 2:33 left before halftime.

The Whitehurst-to-Hamilton hookup would work often through the game, with Hamilton finishing with 175 yards on seven catches. Whitehurst completed 22 of 45 passes for 320 yards, but was picked off twice and sacked six times by a Maryland defense that allowed just 10 net yards rushing to the Tigers.

Both defenses stiffened early in the second half before Maryland picked up its biggest play of the season to date. McBrien hit Derrick Fenner along the right sideline on a 69-yard bomb that made it 21-7 with 2:43 remaining.

Clemson drove to the Maryland 25-yard line on its next possession, but failed to convert a fourth-and-1. Clemson's next two possessions ended with interceptions, as Madieu Williams and Leon Joe picked off Whitehurst passes. Joe's pick came as the Tigers had advanced to the Terrapins' 24-yard line.

Josh Allen led the Maryland running game with 65 yards on 16 carries, while Latrez Harrison had four catches for 39 yards. McBrien finished with 204 yards passing on a 14-for-27 day.

The game marked the first time in Byrd Stadium history that Maryland had drawn more than 50,000 in three consecutive home games.

Box Score

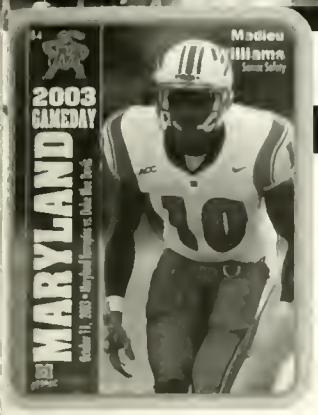
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Clemson (3-2, 1-1)	0	7	0	0	7
MARYLAND (4-2, 1-1)	7	7	7	0	21

First Quarter
MD - Steve Suter 25 pass fr Scott McBrien (Nick Novak kick), 5:41
Second Quarter
MD - Rich Parson 10 pass fr McBrien (Novak kick), 13:32
CU - Derrick Hamilton 70 pass fr C. Whitehurst (Aaron Hunt kick), 2:33
Third Quarter
MD - Derrick Fenner 69 pass fr McBrien (Novak kick), 2:43

	MD	CU
First Downs	19	17
Rushes-Yards	44-134	29-10
Comp-Att-Int	14-27-0	22-45-2
Passing Yards	204	320
Return Yards	47	75
Punts	7-41.0	6-36.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-53	7-40
Sacks By-Yards Lost	5-30	1-11
Time of Possession	31:23	28:37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - Maryland Josh Allen 16-65, Bruce Perry 17-33, Steve Suter 1-24, Scott McBrien 8-8, Maurice Smith 1-6, Team 1-(minus 2), Clemson Duane Coleman 11-36, Kyle Browning 3-8, Chad Jasmin 2-5, Derrick Hamilton 1-0, Charlie Whitehurst 12-(minus 39)
PASSING - Maryland Scott McBrien 14-27-0-204, Clemson Charlie Whitehurst 22-45-2-320
RECEIVING - Maryland Latrez Harrison 4-39, Steve Suter 3-42, Derrick Fenner 1-69, Dan Melendez 1-13, Jeff Dugan 1-11, Rich Parson 1-10, Bernie Fiddler 1-7, Jafar Williams 1-7, Bruce Perry 1-6, Clemson Derrick Hamilton 7-175, Kevin Youngblood 6-64, Tony Elliott 4-57, Chad Jasmin 2-10, Avrese Currie 2-7, Kyle Browning 1-7
TACKLES - Maryland D'Qwell Jackson 9-1-10, Leon Joe 5-3-8, Dennard Wilson 7-0-7, Shawne Merriman 4-2-6, Madieu Williams 3-3-6, Clemson LeRoy Hill 9-1-10, Justin Miller 5-2-7, Travis Pugh 5-1-6, John Leake 3-3-6, Jamaal Fudge 3-2-5
ATT - 51,545 WEATHER - 67 degrees, cloudy



GAME 7

Byrd Stadium
College Park, Md.
Oct. 11, 2003
Maryland 33
Duke 20

COLLEGE PARK, Md — Maryland rolled to a 27-0 lead through three quarters before Duke staged a comeback bid as the Terrapins won their fifth straight game of the season in a victory over the Blue Devils before the fourth consecutive crowd of more than 50,000 fans at Byrd Stadium.

Through three quarters, the Terrapins took advantage of good field position set up by a defense that held the Blue Devils to 201 yards prior to the fourth quarter. Duke scored three times in the final period, though, including a pair of rushing touchdowns by Alex Wade, gaining 112 yards in the final 15 minutes alone.

Maryland got four field goals from Nick Novak, including a 54-yarder in the first quarter that tied a school record for the longest successful field goal. Novak also hit from 34, early in the second quarter, and helped the Terps hold off the Blue Devils' fourth-quarter comeback bid with kicks of 31 and 48 yards.

Scott McBrien threw for 238 yards and a touchdown, completing 18 of 32 passes. Two of those completions were for 49 yards and 15 yards to Latrez Harrison, accounting for the only two plays on a scoring drive late in the second quarter that gave the Terps at 13-0 halftime lead.

Maryland took the opening drive of the second half to the Duke end zone, going 80 yards in eight plays to set up an 18-yard touchdown run by Bruce Perry less than three minutes into the third quarter.

The Terps went ahead 27-0 late in the quarter when Sammy Maldonado went over from five yards out, following Maryland to cash in on a Blue Devil fumble on the 10-yard line.

Novak's two field goals were sandwiched between Duke's touchdowns by Wade.

Lance Johnson caught a 7-yard scoring pass from Mike Schneider to finish the Duke scoring with 1:37 left in the game.

D'Qwell Jackson had 12 tackles, Leon Joe finished with nine, while Randy Starks had nine tackles, including three for loss, 1.5 quarterback sacks, three quarterback hurries, a pass breakup and a forced fumble.

The Maryland defense was on the field a great deal of the game, as Duke ran 92 plays and held the ball for more than 36 minutes over the contest.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Duke (2-4, 0-3)	0	0	0	20	20
MARYLAND (5-2, 2-1)	3	10	14	6	33

First Quarter
MD - FG Nick Novak 54, 11:45
Second Quarter
MD - FG Nick Novak 34, 6:51
MD - Latrez Harrison 15 pass fr Scott McBrien (Nick Novak kick), 4:25
Third Quarter
MD - Bruce Perry 18 run (Dan Ennis kick), 12:24
MD - Sammy Maldonado 5 run (Nick Novak kick), 2:13
Fourth Quarter
DU - Alex Wade 23 run (Matt Brooks kick), 14:00
MD - FG Nick Novak 31, 9:38
DU - Alex Wade 1 run (Mike Schneider run failed), 5:18
MD - FG Nick Novak 48, 3:40
DU - Lance Johnson 3 pass fr Mike Schneider (Matt Brooks kick), 1:37

	MD	DU
First Downs	19	25
Rushes-Yards	31-131	45-143
Comp-Att-Int	18-32-1	20-47-1
Passing Yards	238	270
Return Yards	38	108
Punts	4-42.8	7-35.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-60	13-88
Sacks By-Yards Lost	4-36	0-0
Time of Possession	23:50	36:10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - Maryland: Josh Allen 9-36, Bruce Perry 8-36, Rich Parson 1-29, Sammy Maldonado 5-15, Scott McBrien 4-14, Steve Suter 1-6, Drew Weatherly 1-1, Team 2-(minus 6). Duke: Chris Douglas 15-77, Alex Wade 14-65, Mike Schneider 12-33, Sentemo Landrum 2-7, Team 1-(minus 17), Khary Sharpe 1-(minus 22)

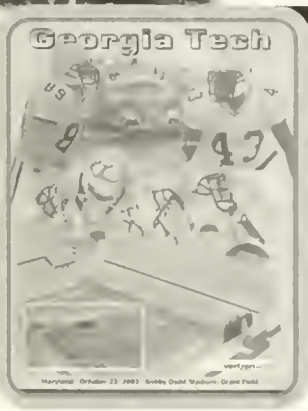
PASSING - Maryland: Scott McBrien 18-32-1-238, Duke: Mike Schneider 20-47-1-270.

RECEIVING - Maryland: Latrez Harrison 4-88, Steve Suter 4-48, Jeff Dugan 3-18, Bruce Perry 2-34, Rich Parson 2-22, Jo Jo Walker 1-23, Dan Melendez 1-6, John Allen 1-(minus 1). Duke: Alex Wade 4-48, Lance Johnson 4-34, Khary Sharpe 3-38, Andy Roland 2-43, Sentemo Landrum 2-41, Calen Powell 2-32, Chris Douglas 1-19, Ronnie Elliott 1-9, Reggie Love 1-6

TACKLES - Maryland: D'Qwell Jackson 8-4-12, Leon Joe 7-2-9, Randy Starks 4-5-9, Kevin Eli 2-6-8, Leroy Ambush 4-1-5, Andrew Henley 3-2-5. Duke: Ryan Fowler 5-4-9, Brendan Dewan 4-1-5, Kenneth Stanford 4-1-5, Matt Zielinski 1-4-5, DeAndre White 4-0-4, Terrell Smith 2-2-4

ATT - 50,084. WEATHER - 72 degrees, cloudy

GAME 8



Bobby Dodd Stadium
Atlanta, Ga.
Oct. 23, 2003
Georgia Tech 7
Maryland 3

ATLANTA, Ga. — Georgia Tech used one of Maryland's four turnovers to set up an early touchdown in the fourth quarter and held on for a victory over the Terrapins in an ACC game played before 51,524 at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

The game, played on national television as part of ESPN's Thursday Night Football schedule, jumbled the league's standings and placed six teams in the middle of the pack with a pair of conference losses.

Following a Terrapin fumble, Tech got the ball on the Maryland 18-yard line late in the third quarter. The Yellow Jackets needed five plays to get into the end zone to erase a 3-0 deficit, scoring when Reggie Ball hit Jonathan Smith with a 4-yard scoring pass in the back of the end zone.

Maryland had gone ahead late in the third quarter on a 35-yard field goal by Nick Novak. The play capped a 12-play, 62-yard drive engineered by redshirt freshman quarterback Joel Statham, who replaced starter Scott McBrien after the senior suffered a concussion in the second quarter.

Seeing his first significant playing time as a Terrapin, Statham finished by hitting 10 of 22 passes for 110 yards, but suffered three sacks and an interception by a Yellow Jacket defense that applied tremendous pressure.

Georgia Tech iced the game with a long drive in the fourth quarter. The Yellow Jackets took 7:08 off the clock on a 12-play drive that began on their own 4-yard line after an outstanding punt by Maryland freshman Adam Podlesh.

The Maryland defense was outstanding in the game, led by Leon Joe (14 tackles), D'Qwell Jackson (13) and Randy Starks (nine). The Terps limited Georgia Tech to just 228 yards in total offense in the game and forcing nine punts.

Bruce Perry, making his second start of the season for Maryland, had a strong performance with 75 yards rushing on 17 carries. Steve Suter led the Terps with four catches for 60 yards and added 91 yards on punt and kick returns.

McBrien had 47 yards on 4-for-11 passing before leaving the game with 2:17 left in the first half.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
MARYLAND (5-3, 2-2)	0	0	3	0	3
Georgia Tech (5-3, 3-2)	0	0	0	7	7

Third Quarter
MD - FG Nick Novak 35, 3:14
Fourth Quarter
GT - Jonathan Smith 4 pass fr Reggie Ball (Dan Burnett kick), 14:10

	MD	GT
First Downs	14	14
Rushes-Yards	35-96	41-130
Comp-Att-Int	14-33-2	12-28-1
Passing Yards	157	98
Return Yards	93	82
Punts	5-39.2	9-31.9
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	3-15
Sacks By-Yards Lost	1-10	3-19
Time of Possession	29:25	30:35

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

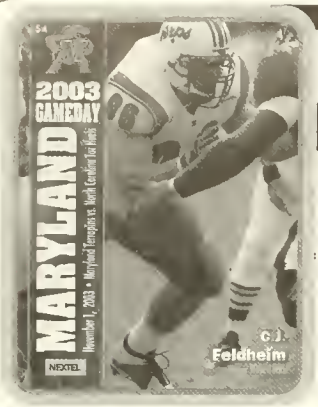
RUSHING - Maryland: Bruce Perry 17-75, Sammy Maldonado 3-33, Jo Jo Walker 1-4, Scott McBrien 4-2, Josh Allen 5-0, Joel Statham 5-(minus 18). Georgia Tech: PJ Daniels 21-63, Reggie Ball 16-46, Jonathan Smith 2-18, Chris Woods 2-3

PASSING - Maryland: Joel Statham 10-22-1-110, Scott McBrien 4-11-1-47. Georgia Tech: Reggie Ball 12-28-1-98

RECEIVING - Maryland: Steve Suter 4-60, Derrick Fenner 2-18, Bruce Perry 2-(minus 4), Josh Allen 1-22, Latrez Harrison 1-20, Jeff Dugan 1-17, Jo Jo Walker 1-13, Jafar Williams 1-6, Bernie Fiddler 1-5. Georgia Tech: Jonathan Smith 5-43, John Paul Foschi 4-32, Nate Curry 2-19, Darius Williams 1-4

TACKLES - Maryland: Leon Joe 9-5-14, D'Qwell Jackson 7-6-13, Randy Starks 5-4-9, Madieu Williams 6-1-7, Kevin Eli 4-3-7. Georgia Tech: Keyaron Fox 5-6-11, Oawan Landry 7-3-10, Travis Parker 2-6-8, James Butler 1-7-8, Daryl Smith 4-3-7, Eric Henderson 3-4-7

ATT - 51,524. WEATHER - 70 degrees, clear



GAME 9

Byrd Stadium
College Park, Md.
Nov. 1, 2003
Maryland 59
North Carolina 21

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — With five minutes remaining in the first half, Maryland and North Carolina were tied. When Maryland went to the locker room at halftime, the Terrapins used a lightning strike over those last five minutes to take a 45-21 lead into the break.

The Terps used that streak to go on to capture a Homecoming victory over the Tar Heels before a sellout crowd of 51,195, the fifth time in as many games Maryland had played before 50,000 or more this season at Byrd Stadium.

Senior quarterback Scott McBrien threw for four touchdowns and ran for two others in the victory. McBrien, who played three quarters, finished with a career-high 349 yards passing on a 15-for-25 day. Two of his touchdown throws went to Latrez Harrison, while he also found Josh Allen on a 43-yard TD pass and Jo Jo Walker on a 67-yard scoring strike.

Maryland's 39 points in the second quarter set an Atlantic Coast Conference record. The Terps rolled up 612 yards in total offense, including 259 on the ground.

North Carolina led 7-3 when Nick Novak hit his second field goal of the first quarter. UNC's Mike Mason took the ensuing kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown, giving the Tar Heels a 14-6 lead, despite having run only nine plays and holding the football less than four minutes.

Maryland responded when McBrien scored on a 6-yard run, then found Steve Suter for a two-point conversion to tie. But UNC quarterback Darian Durant hit Chad Scott on a 52-yard scoring pass and the 'Heels recaptured the lead at 21-14 with 9:13 left in the second quarter.

From that point, the Terps scored the final 45 points of the contest. Maryland scored on its first nine possessions of the game and 10 of its first 11. The Terps turned two UNC turnovers late in the second quarter into points, aiding in the 39-point outburst in the period.

Defensively, Maryland blanked the potent Tar Heels over the final 2-1/2 quarters, led by eight-tackle days from Domonique Foxworth and D'Qwell Jackson.

Bruce Perry had his top game of the season in leading the Terrapin rushing game, finishing the first half with 96 yards on 17 carries before leaving the game with an injury at halftime.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
North Carolina (1-8, 0-5)	14	7	0	0	21
MARYLAND (6-3, 3-2)	6	39	14	0	59

First Quarter
MD - FG Nick Novak 24, 9:59
NC - Chad Scott 3 run (Dan Orner kick), 5:45
MD - FG Nick Novak 20, 4:10
NC - Mike Mason 96 kickoff return (Orner kick), 3:56
Second Quarter
MD - Scott McBrien 6 run (Steve Suter pass fr McBrien), 11:23
NC - Chad Scott 52 pass fr Darian Durant (Orner kick), 9:13
MD - Latrez Harrison 14 pass fr McBrien (Novak kick), 7:44
MD - FG Nick Novak 46, 4:54
MD - Josh Allen 43 pass fr McBrien (Novak kick), 3:35
MD - Jo Jo Walker 67 pass fr McBrien (Novak kick), 0:57
MD - Josh Allen 5 run (Novak kick), 0:29
Third Quarter
MD - Latrez Harrison 16 pass fr McBrien (Novak kick), 8:10
MD - Scott McBrien 1 run (Novak kick), 0:05

	MD	NC
First Downs	27	16
Rushes-Yards	50-252	25-108
Comp-Att-Int	16-27-0	21-32-1
Passing Yards	360	277
Return Yards	90	125
Punts	2-38.5	3-48.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	4-41	5-35
Sacks By-Yards Lost	4-28	1-3
Time of Possession	34:37	25:23

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

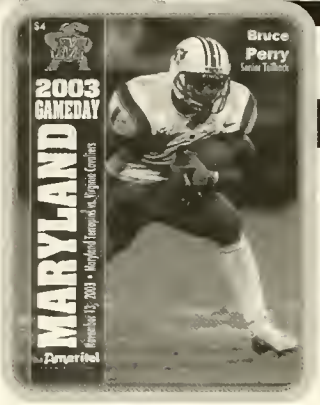
RUSHING - Maryland: Bruce Perry 17-96, Sammy Maldonado 5-43, Josh Allen 9-31, Scott McBrien 8-24, Mario Merrills 3-15, J.P. Humber 4-15, Dan Melendez 1-14, Steve Suter 1-5, Derrick Fenner 1-5, Jo Jo Walker 1-4. North Carolina: Ronnie McGill 9-63, Jacque Lewis 5-40, Darian Durant 6-11, Chad Scott 2-8, Team 1-(minus 2), C.J. Stephens 2-(minus 12).

PASSING - Maryland: Scott McBrien 15-25-0-349, Joel Statham 1-2-0-11. North Carolina: Darian Durant 18-28-1-209, C.J. Stephens 3-4-0-68.

RECEIVING - Maryland: Steve Suter 4-72, Latrez Harrison 4-54, Jo Jo Walker 3-99, Derrick Fenner 2-64, Josh Allen 1-43, Jeff Dugan 1-17, Vernon Davis 1-11. North Carolina: Jawarski Pollock 8-78, Jesse Holley 4-42, Jon [illegible]tt 3-46, Chad Scott 2-69, Justin Phillips 2-28, Derele Mitchell 1-18, [illegible] Lewis 1-(minus 4).

TACKLES - Maryland: Domonique Foxworth 7-1-8, D'Qwell Jackson 4-4-8, [illegible]son 4-2-6, Madieu Williams 2-4-6, Leon Joe 3-1-4. North Caro[illegible] 5-4-9, Larry Edwards 4-4-8, Mahlon Carey 4-2-6, Michael H[illegible]ewell Green 4-0-4, Devillen Bullard 4-0-4.

ATT - 51,195. WEATHER - 61 degrees, clear.



GAME 10

Byrd Stadium
College Park, Md.
Nov. 13, 2003
Maryland 27
Virginia 17

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — On a night when driving winds made the running game critically important, Maryland sophomore Josh Allen had a career night.

Allen ran for 257 yards, the third-best single-game rushing total in Maryland football history, scoring a pair of touchdowns and leading the Terrapins to a victory over Virginia in a Thursday night game nationally televised by ESPN.

With sustained winds of more than 25 mph and gusts to 40 mph, each team's running game was crucial. Allen carried 38 times for his 257 yards, including an 80-yard touchdown run in the middle of the second quarter.

He had 154 yards by halftime, but also had 86 important yards in the final period that allowed Maryland to hold off a strong comeback bid by the Cavaliers. The Terrapins held the ball for nearly 11 minutes in the fourth quarter, keeping the ball out of the hands of Virginia quarterback Matt Schaub, the reigning ACC Offensive Player of the Year.

Schaub finished with 186 yards and one TD pass on a 13-for-26 night. The Cavs managed just over 100 yards rushing, with 56 yards from Wali Lundy and 53 from Alvin Pearman.

On the opening coin toss, Virginia elected to take the wind. Despite the strategy, Maryland took its opening drive 84 yards in 11 plays, setting up an 11-yard scoring pass from Scott McBrien to Latrez Harrison to allow Maryland to score first for the 10th time this season.

Early in the second quarter, a 41-yard pass from McBrien to Jafar Williams set up a 1-yard scoring run by Allen, capping a six-play, 61-yard drive.

Virginia got on the board on its next possession, with Schaub diving over from the 4-yard line to complete an 80-yard drive.

On the next play from scrimmage, however, Allen scampered 80 yards for a score that put the Terps ahead 21-7. Nick Novak had a 33-yard field goal with 32 seconds left to send Maryland to halftime with a 24-7 edge.

Virginia scored the game's next 10 points, getting a third-quarter score on a pass from Schaub to Pearman. A 43-yard field goal into the wind from Connor Hughes brought the Cavs within seven points with 9:15 left.

But Maryland used a 10-play, 45-yard drive that took 5:33 to set up a 45-yard field goal by Novak that extended the Terps' edge back to 10 points.

The Terp defense forced a three-and-out on the Cavs' next possession, including a sack by Randy Starks, who finished with eight tackles, including three for losses. Virginia never again got the ball and Maryland had its seventh win in its last eight games.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Virginia (5-5, 3-4)	0	7	7	3	17
MARYLAND (7-3, 4-2)	7	17	0	3	27

First Quarter
MD - Latrez Harrison 11 pass fr Scott McBrien (Nick Novak kick), 8:24
Second Quarter
MD - Josh Allen 1 run (Novak kick), 12:16
VA - Matt Schaub 4 run (Connor Hughes kick), 8:31
MD - Josh Allen 80 run (Novak kick), 8:17
MD - FG Nick Novak 33, 0:32
Third Quarter
VA - Alvin Pearman 14 pass fr Schaub (Hughes kick), 6:00
Fourth Quarter
VA - FG Connor Hughes 43, 9:15
MD - FG Nick Novak 45, 3:42

	MD	VA
First Downs	23	14
Rushes-Yards	48-278	32-108
Comp-Att-Int	14-21-0	13-26-0
Passing Yards	191	186
Return Yards	33	10
Punts	3-28.0	5-34.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-45	4-46
Sacks By-Yards Lost	1-8	0-0
Time of Possession	35:25	24:35

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

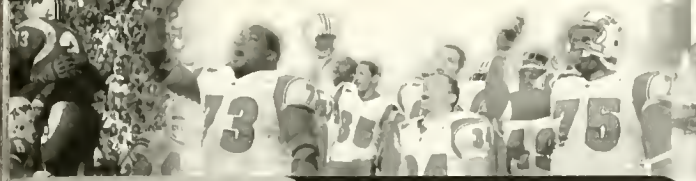
RUSHING - Maryland: Josh Allen 38-257, Rich Parson 1-15, Scott McBrien 6-10, Mario Merrills 1-2, Team 2-(minus 6). Virginia: Wali Lundy 16-56, Alvin Pearman 11-53, Matt Schaub 3-1, Deyon Williams 1-0, Team 1-(minus 2).

PASSING - Maryland: Scott McBrien 14-21-0-191. Virginia: Matt Schaub 13-26-0-186.

RECEIVING - Maryland: Latrez Harrison 4-63, Jeff Dugan 3-40, Steve Suter 3-23, Jafar Williams 1-41, Bernie Fiddler 1-11, Jo Jo Walker 1-7, Josh Allen 1-6. Virginia: Alvin Pearman 5-31, Ryan Sawyer 3-25, Wali Lundy 2-66, Ottowa Anderson 2-25, Heath Miller 1-39.

TACKLES - Maryland: Madieu Williams 7-4-11, Curome Cox 8-0-8, Randy Starks 5-3-8, Leon Joe 5-0-5. Virginia: Ahman Brooks 7-3-10, Kai Parham 3-5-8, Jamaine Winborne 7-0-7, Chris Canty 5-1-6, Brennan Schmidt 4-2-6.

ATT - 51,027. WEATHER - 38 degrees, cloudy, high winds.



GAME 11

Carter Finley Stadium
Raleigh, N.C.
Nov. 22, 2003
Maryland 26
NC State 24

RALEIGH, N.C. — Nick Novak kicked a 43-yard field goal with 23 seconds left, capping an improbable comeback victory in which Maryland needed 16 points in the final 6:23 to beat the Wolfpack before a regional television audience and clinch at least a tie for second place in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Terrapins trailed 24-10 with 8:45 left in the game after Adam Kiker hit a 32-yard field goal.

But Maryland went quickly down the field, needing just five plays to go 80 yards and set up a 10-yard touchdown pass from Scott McBrien to Jo Jo Walker that pulled the Terps within seven points.

The Terps forced a NC State punt minutes later, then went 78 yards in only six plays to set up a 2-yard scoring scamper by McBrien with 2:29 left. Novak missed the extra-point kick, however, and Maryland still trailed by one point.

On the second play of the Wolfpack's possession, Leroy Ambush forced a fumble by T.A. McLendon and Terp safety Madieu Williams recovered with 1:50 left on the State 46-yard line.

Maryland picked up one first down to set up Novak's game-winning kick.

NC State scored on its first possession of the game, with T.A. McLendon's 1-yard run capping a drive set up by a Maryland turnover. The Wolfpack led from that point, grabbing the advantage less than three minutes into the game and holding it until there were 23 seconds remaining.

Maryland's Josh Allen had his second straight 100-yard rushing game, finishing with 144 yards on 23 carries. McBrien passed for 243 yards and two touchdowns, completing 17 of 37 passes. Jo Jo Walker led the Terrapins in receiving for the first time this season, getting six catches for 57 yards. Rich Parson went over the century mark in receiving yards, getting 114 yards on four catches.

NC State quarterback Philip Rivers, who had his jersey retired in pregame ceremonies, finished with 276 yards on a 16-for-30 passing day. Jerricho Cotchery grabbed six receptions for 102 yards for the 'Pack. McLendon had a pair of 1-yard scoring runs in the first half and finished with 65 yards on 21 carries.

Maryland's defense played well over the final 2-1/2 quarters, keeping the Wolfpack offense from scoring a touchdown in the game's final 36 minutes. NC State turned a 14-10 halftime lead into a larger advantage midway through the third quarter on an 83-yard punt return for a score by Tramain Hall.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
MARYLAND (8-3, 5-2)	0	10	0	16	26
NC State (7-5, 4-4)	7	7	7	3	24

First Quarter
ST - T.A. McLendon 1 run (Adam Kiker kick), 12:06
Second Quarter
ST - T.A. McLendon 1 run (Kiker kick), 6:28
MD - Derek Miller 2 pass fr Scott McBrien (Nick Novak kick), 1:22
MD - FG Nick Novak 29, 0:05
Third Quarter
ST - Tramain Hall 83 punt return (Kiker kick), 6:52
Fourth Quarter
ST - FG Adam Kiker 32, 8:45
MO - Jo Jo Walker 10 pass fr McBrien (Novak kick), 6:23
MO - Scott McBrien 2 run (Novak kick failed), 2:29
MO - FG Nick Novak 43, 0:23

	MD	ST
First Downs	24	19
Rushes-Yards	42-190	34-98
Comp-Att-Int	17-37-1	16-30-1
Passing Yards	243	276
Return Yards	77	155
Punts	5-46.0	5-47.4
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	8-64	5-41
Sacks By-Yards Lost	2-11	3-20
Time of Possession	31:06	28:54

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

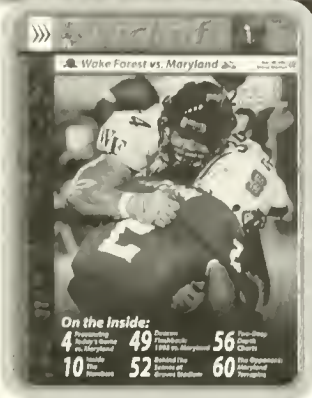
RUSHING - Maryland: Josh Allen 23-144, Bruce Perry 8-20, Scott McBrien 9-16, Steve Suter 1-7, Rich Parson 1-3, NC State: T.A. McLendon 21-65, Reggie Davis 3-19, Philip Rivers 9-10, Richard Washington 1-6.

PASSING - Maryland: Scott McBrien 17-37-1-243. NC State: Philip Rivers 16-30-1-276.

RECEIVING - Maryland: Jo Jo Walker 6-57, Rich Parson 4-114, Latrez Harrison 4-38, Josh Allen 1-25, Bernie Fiddler 1-7, Derek Miller 1-2; NC State: Jerricho Cotchery 6-102, T.A. McLendon 4-70, Tramain Hall 3-64, T.J. Williams 2-29, Richard Washington 1-11.

TACKLES - Maryland: O'Qwell Jackson 9-2-11, Madieu Williams 7-2-9, Kevin Eli 4-4-8, Randy Starks 4-4-8, Leon Joe 3-5-8; NC State: Troy Graham 9-3-12, Andre Maddox 4-6-10, Oliver Hoyte 2-7-9, Dwayne Herndon 2-5-7, Pat Thomas 2-3-5, Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay 0-5-5.

ATT - 53,800. WEATHER - 75 degrees, clear



GAME 12

Graves Stadium
Raleigh, N.C.
Nov. 29, 2003
Maryland 41
Wake Forest 28

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Bruce Perry made the most of his final Atlantic Coast Conference contest, as well as his final trip to Groves Stadium by rushing for 237 yards and three touchdowns, bringing Maryland to a comeback win for the second time in as many weeks.

Maryland, which earlier in the week had accepted an invitation to play in the 2004 Toyota Gator Bowl, clinched sole possession of second place with the victory.

Perry, who had rushed for more than 200 yards in a game at Wake Forest as a sophomore, scored all three of his touchdowns in the second half. In fact, coupled with a touchdown pass from Scott McBrien to Jafar Williams, Perry's scoring runs helped Maryland score 28 points in a span of 6:46 late in the third quarter and early in the fourth that erased a 21-13 halftime deficit.

Perry and Demon Deacon sophomore Chris Barclay (243 yards on 28 carries) each went over the 200-yard mark on the ground, marking the first time in ACC history and only the fifth time in NCAA Division I action that opposing rushers gained 200 yards in the same contest.

The Terrapins trailed 21-6 after a 5-yard run by Barclay with 4:21 left in the second half. McBrien, who threw three touchdown passes, hit Dan Melendez on a 14-yarder to bring the Terps within eight points at halftime.

Late in the third quarter, Perry capped an 87-yard drive that took only three plays by going the final 49 yards with 2:56 left. McBrien hooked up with Rich Parson for 31 yards to aid that drive.

On Wake's second play of the next drive, Madieu Williams got an interception for Maryland. McBrien hit Jafar Williams on a 28-yard pass and Maryland had its first lead at 28-21.

Barclay broke loose for a 74-yard scoring run on the next play from scrimmage to tie the game.

But Perry answered on the Terps' next play, going 80 yards to put Maryland on top again.

The Terrapins' defense got a three-and-out on the next series and Curtis Williams gave Maryland a short field when he blocked the Deacs' punt. McBrien took the Terps 28 yards in seven plays to set up Perry's 2-yard score for the game's final points.

Madieu Williams finished with 13 tackles to lead the Maryland defense. McBrien finished with 198 yards passing on a 12-for-22 day.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
MARYLAND (9-3, 6-2)	6	7	22	6	41
Wake Forest (5-7, 3-5)	7	14	7	0	28

First Quarter
WF - Chris Barclay 53 run (Matt Wisnosky kick), 13:02
MO - Latrez Harrison 18 pass fr Scott McBrien (Novak kick failed), 9:01
Second Quarter
WF - Cory Randolph 5 run (Wisnosky kick), 11:58
WF - Barclay 5 run (Wisnosky kick), 4:21
MO - Dan Melendez 14 pass fr McBrien (Nick Novak kick), 1:02
Third Quarter
MO - Bruce Perry 49 run (Novak kick), 2:56
MO - Jafar Williams 28 pass fr McBrien (Perry pass fr McBrien), 1:57
WF - Barclay 74 run (Wisnosky kick), 1:29
MD - Perry 80 run (Novak kick), 1:16
Fourth Quarter
MD - Perry 2 run (Novak kick failed), 11:10

	MD	WF
First Downs	25	21
Rushes-Yards	45-339	48-316
Comp-Att-Int	12-22-0	12-24-2
Passing Yards	198	108
Return Yards	67	119
Punts	4-37.8	4-33.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-75	3-20
Sacks By-Yards Lost	2-9	0-0
Time of Possession	29:44	30:16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - Maryland: Bruce Perry 25-237, Scott McBrien 9-61, Josh Allen 8-32, Rich Parson 1-7, Steve Suter 1-4, Team 1-(minus 2); Wake Forest: Chris Barclay 28-243, Cory Randolph 13-49, Chris Davis 4-30, Team 3-(minus 6).

PASSING - Maryland: Scott McBrien 12-22-0-198; Wake Forest: Cory Randolph 12-24-2-108.

RECEIVING - Maryland: Jafar Williams 3-47, Steve Suter 2-52, Rich Parson 2-46, Dan Melendez 2-27, Latrez Harrison 1-18, Bruce Perry 1-6, Josh Allen 1-2; Wake Forest: Chris Davis 4-45, Chris Barclay 4-35, Jason Anderson 2-17, Willie Idlette 2-11.

TACKLES - Maryland: Madieu Williams 9-4-13, Leon Joe 8-1-9, Domonique Foxworth 7-2-9, O'Qwell Jackson 6-3-9, Leroy Ambush 5-2-7; Wake Forest: Dion Williams 7-2-9, Brad White 6-2-8, Eric King 5-0-5, Quintin Williams 5-0-5, Obi Chukwumah 4-0-4, Caron Bracy 4-0-4.

ATT - 18,783. WEATHER - 48 degrees, clear

THE LAST TIME...

Kickoff Returned for TD
Maryland – Lewis Sanders (98 yards) vs. W. Carolina, 9-11-97.
Opponent – Mike Mason (96 yards), North Carolina, 11-1-03.

Blocked Punt Returned for TD
Maryland – Leroy Ambush vs. Virginia, 10-6-01.
Opponent – David Carter (10 yards), W. Virginia, 9-19-98.

Punt Returned for TD
Maryland – Steve Suter (75 yards) vs. The Citadel, 9-13-03.
Opponent – Tremain Hall (83 yards), NC State, 11-22-03

Interception Returned for TD
Maryland – Domonique Foxworth (44 yards) at Eastern Michigan, 9-27-03.
Opponent – Michael Boulware (23 yards), Florida State, 10-27-01

Fumble Returned for TD
Maryland – Domonique Foxworth (12 yards) vs. Georgia Tech, 10-17-02.
Opponent – LeVar Talley (10 yards), Temple, 9-26-98.

Recorded a Safety
Maryland – vs. Wake Forest, 12-30-02 (E.J. Henderson sack in the end zone).
Opponent – Wofford, 9-28-02 (Scott McBrien sacked in the end zone by Andre Jones).

Blocked a Punt
Maryland – Curtis Williams vs. Wake Forest, 11-29-03.
Opponent – Malcolm Tatum, at Florida State, 11-13-99.

Blocked a Field Goal
Maryland – D'Owell Jackson at Florida State, 9-6-03
Opponent – Lance Evans, Virginia, 11-11-03

Blocked a PAT
Maryland – William Kershaw at Duke, 10-26-02.
Opponent – Rick Sherrod, West Virginia, 9-29-01.

Defensive Shutout
Maryland – vs. The Citadel (61-0), 9-13-03.
Opponent – Notre Dame (22-0), B-31-02.

Player Passed for 6 TDs
Maryland – None.
Opponent – Chris Weinke (6, 5, 6, 30, 26, 28), at Florida State, 11-13-99.

Player Scored 5 TDs
Maryland – Bob Shemonski (22 rush, 26 rush, 82 PR, 4 rush, 8 rush) vs. Va. Tech, 11-7-50.

Player Passed for 5 TDs
Maryland – Scott Milanovich (5, 14, 27, 5, 12) vs. NC State, 11-5-94
Opponent – Chris Rix (16, 9, 28, 22, 31), at Florida State, 10-27-01.

Player Scored 4 TDs
Maryland – Chris Downs (9 rush, 36 rush, 1 rush, 6 rush), at North Carolina, 11-02-02.
Opponent – Robert Baldwin (3 rush, 1 rush, 11 rush, 34 rush), Duke, 9-3-94

Player Scored 4 TDs Rushing
Maryland – Chris Downs (9, 36, 1, 6), at North Carolina, 11-02-02.
Opponent – Robert Baldwin (3, 1, 11, 34), Duke, 9-3-94.

Player Passed for 4 TDs
Maryland – Scott McBrien (14, 43, 67, 16), vs. North Carolina, 11-1-03.
Opponent – Rex Grossman (15, 4, 33, 10), Florida, 1-2-02.

Player Scored 3 TDs
Maryland – Bruce Perry (49 rush, 80 rush, 2 rush), at Wake Forest, 11-29-03.
Opponent – Chris Barclay (53 rush, 5 rush, 74 rush), Wake Forest, 11-29-03.

Player Scored 3 TDs Rushing
Maryland – Bruce Perry (49, 80, 2), at Wake Forest, 11-29-03.
Opponent – Chris Barclay (53, 5, 74), Wake Forest, 11-29-03

Player Passed for 3 TDs
Maryland – Scott McBrien (18, 28, 14), at Wake Forest, 11-28-03
Opponent – Matt Schaub (27, 7, 24), Virginia, 11-23-02

Player Scored 3 TDs Receiving
Maryland – Guilian Gary (32 re[illegible] 13 rec.) vs. Georgia Tech, 11-18-00.
Opponent – Talman Gardner (16 [illegible] 28 rec.), Florida State, 10-27-01

Three Players Scored 2 TDs
Maryland – Jermaine Lewis (5 rec, 27 rec), Mancel Johnson (14 rec, 12 rec), Geroy Simon (94 KOR, 5 rec) vs. NC State, 11-5-94.
Opponent – Earnest Graham (1 rush, 6 rush), Jabar Gaffney (4 rec., 33 rec.), Taylor Jacobs (4 rec, 15 rec), Florida, 1-2-02.

Two Players Scored 2 TDs
Maryland – Scott McBrien (6 rush, 1 rush), Latrez Harrison (14 pass, 16 pass), vs. North Carolina, 11-1-03.
Opponent – Earnest Graham (1 rush, 6 rush), Jabar Gaffney (4 rec., 33 rec.), Taylor Jacobs (4 rec., 15 rec.), Florida, 1-2-02.

Player Scored 2 TDs Rushing
Maryland – Bruce Perry (49, 80, 2), at Wake Forest, 11-29-03.
Opponent – Chris Barclay (53, 5, 74), Wake Forest, 11-29-03.

Player Passed for 2 TDs
Maryland – Scott McBrien (18, 28, 14), at Wake Forest, 11-28-03.
Opponent – Chris Rix (18, 34), Florida State, 9-6-03.

Player Scored 2 TDs Receiving
Maryland – Latrez Harrison (14, 16), vs. North Carolina, 11-1-03.
Opponent – Jabar Gaffney (4, 33), Taylor Jacobs (46, 15), Florida, 1-2-02.

50-Yd. Field Goal
Maryland – Nick Novak (54 yards) vs. Duke, 10-11-03
Opponent – Steve Azar (52 yards), Northern Illinois, B-28-03.

45-Yd. Field Goal
Maryland – Nick Novak (45 yards), vs. Virginia, 11-13-03.
Opponent – Steve Azar (52 yards), Northern Illinois, B-28-03.

Five Field Goals
Maryland – Dale Castro (45, 29, 18, 32, 42) vs. Mississippi State, 9-22-79.
Opponent – Nicholas Setta (51, 32, 18, 46, 24), Notre Dame, B-31-02.

Four Field Goals
Maryland – Nick Novak (54, 34, 31, 48) vs. Duke, 10-11-03.
Opponent – Aaron Hunt (29, 35, 22, 42), Clemson, 11-16-02.

Three Field Goals
Maryland – Nick Novak (24, 20, 46), vs. North Carolina, 11-1-03.
Opponent – Aaron Hunt (29, 35, 22, 42), Clemson, 11-16-02.

Three Field Goals 40 Yards or More
Maryland – None.
Opponent – None.

Two Field Goals 40 Yards or More
Maryland – Nick Novak (54, 48) vs. Duke, 10-11-03.
Opponent – Nicholas Setta (51, 42), Notre Dame, B-31-02.

Four Field Goals 30 Yards or More
Maryland – Nick Novak (54, 34, 31, 48) vs. Duke, 10-11-03.
Opponent – None.

Three Field Goals 30 Yards or More
Maryland – Nick Novak (54, 34, 31, 48) vs. Duke, 10-11-03.
Opponent – Nicholas Setta (29, 35, 22, 42), Notre Dame, 8-31-02

Two-Point Conversion by Rush
Maryland – Shaun Hill run vs. NC State, 11-4-00.
Opponent – Jamie Barnette run, NC State, 11-21-98.

Two-Point Conversion by Pass
Maryland – Scott McBrien to Bruce Perry, at Wake Forest, 11-29-03
Opponent – Spencer Romine to Richmond Flowers, Duke, 10-30-99.

Missed PAT (kick)
Maryland – Nick Novak, at Wake Forest (2), 11-29-03.
Opponent – Brent Garber, Duke, 10-26-02.

Defensive Extra-Point
Maryland – None.
Opponent – L. Grant (100-yd. interception return), Duke, 10-26-96.

40 Rushing Attempts
Maryland – Charlie Wysocki (49-217) at Duke, 10-25-80
Opponent – Ray Robinson (40-178), NC State, 11-4-00.

0 Rushing Attempts
Maryland – Josh Allen (38-257), vs. Virginia 11-13-03.
Opponent – Michael Turner (30-90), Northern Illinois, 8-28-03.

0 Rushing Attempts in One Half
Maryland – Charlie Wysocki (32) at Duke 10-25-80.

00 Rushing Yards
Maryland – LaMont Jordan (37-306) vs. Virginia, 11-20-99
Opponent – John Leach (46-329), Wake Forest 11-20-93

00 Rushing Yards
Maryland – Bruce Perry (25-237), at Wake Forest, 11-29-03.
Opponent – Chris Barclay (28-243), Wake Forest, 11-29-03

50 Rushing Yards
Maryland – Bruce Perry (25-237), at Wake Forest, 11-29-03.
Opponent – Chris Barclay (28-243), Wake Forest, 11-29-03.

00 Rushing Yards
Maryland – Bruce Perry (25-237), at Wake Forest, 11-29-03.
Opponent – Chris Barclay (28-243), Wake Forest, 11-29-03.

00 Rushing Yards by a Quarterback
Maryland – Shaun Hill (11-105) vs. Duke, 10-20-01.
Opponent – Woodrow Dantzler (22-183), Clemson, 10-16-99.

wo Players with 100 Yards Rushing
Maryland – LaMont Jordan (135) and Brian Underwood (114) at Temple, 9-27-97.
Opponent – Zack Crockett (123) and Warrick Dunn (104), Florida St., 9-10-94

hree Players with 100 Yards Rushing
Maryland – Richard Jennings (136), Steve Atkins (126) and Jamie Franklin (105) vs. Virginia, 11-22-75.

5-Yd. TD Run
Maryland – Bruce Perry (80), at Wake Forest, 11-28-03
Opponent – Chris Barclay (74), Wake Forest, 11-28-03.

0-Yd. Non-Scoring Run
Maryland – Scott McBrien (54), at Clemson, 11-16-02.
Opponent – Gordon Clinkscale (51), Georgia Tech, 10-17-02

0-Yd. TD Run
Maryland – Bruce Perry (80), at Wake Forest, 11-28-03.
Opponent – Chris Barclay (74), Wake Forest, 11-28-03.

0 Pass Attempts
Maryland – Scott Milanovich (62-46-1, 380, 1 TD) at Florida St., 11-18-95.
Opponent – Brad Lewis (52-31-4, 279, 1 TD), West Virginia, 9-29-01.

0 Pass Attempts
Maryland – Shaun Hill (46-29-1, 318, 3 TD) vs. Georgia Tech, 11-18-00.
Opponent – Mike Schneider (47-20-1, 270, 1 TD), Duke, 10-11-03

5 Pass Attempts
Maryland – Scott McBrien (37-17-1, 243, 2 TD), at NC State, 11-22-03.
Opponent – Mike Schneider (47-20-1, 270, 1 TD), Duke, 10-11-03

0 Pass Completions
Maryland – Scott Milanovich (62-46-1, 380, 1 TD) at Florida St., 11-18-95.
Opponent – James MacPherson (49-28-3, 1 TD), Wake Forest, 10-21-00.

0 Pass Completions
Maryland – Scott Milanovich (62-46-1, 380, 1 TD) at Florida St., 11-18-95.
Opponent – Devin Scott (49-32-1-228, 0 TD), Temple, 9-2-99.

5 Pass Completions
Maryland – Shaun Hill (32-26-1, 323, 1 TD) vs. Duke, 10-20-01.
Opponent – A.J. Suggs (45-28-0, 272, 0 TD), Georgia Tech, 10-17-02.

00 Yards Passing
Maryland – Scott Milanovich (416) at Wake Forest, 11-20-93.
Opponent – Spencer Romine (404), Duke, 10-30-99.

00 Yards Passing
Maryland – Scott McBnen (349), vs. North Carolina, 11-1-03.
Opponent – Charlie Whitehurst (320), Clemson, 10-04-03.

50 Yards Passing
Maryland – Scott McBrien (349), vs. North Carolina, 11-1-03.
Opponent – Philip Rivers (276), at NC State, 11-22-03.

10 Receptions
Maryland – Geroy Simon (16-124), at Florida State 11-18-95
Opponent – PJ. Fleck (13-116), Northern Illinois, 8-28-03.

Two Players with 10 Receptions
Maryland – Walt Williams (11) and Geroy Simon (10) at Syracuse, 11-19-94

100 Yards Receiving
Maryland – Scooter Monroe (3-167), at North Carolina, 11-02-02
Opponent – Jerricho Cotchery (6-102), at NC State, 11-22-03

Two Players with 100 Yards Receiving
Maryland – Geroy Simon (124) and Jermaine Lewis (102) at Florida St., 11-18-95
Opponent – Taylor Jacobs (10-170) and Jabar Gaffney (7-118), Florida, 1-2-02

Three Players with 100 Yards Receiving
Maryland – Jason Kremus (119), Mancel Johnson (106) and Russ Weaver (105) at Wake Forest, 11-20-93.

200 Yards Receiving
Maryland – Jermaine Lewis (9-205) vs. Duke, 9-23-95
Opponent – Dez White (5-215), at Ga. Tech, 9-30-99

75-Yd. Non-Scoring Reception
Maryland – Scott Milanovich to Jermaine Lewis (78) at No Carolina, 9-11-93.
Opponent– C. Randolph to Jax Landfried (78), Wake Forest, 12-30-02.

75-Yd. TD Reception
Maryland – Scott McBrien to Scooter Monroe (80), at North Carolina, 11-02-02
Opponent – Joe Hamilton to Dez White (80), at Ga. Tech, 9-30-99.

50-Yd. Non-Scoring Reception
Maryland – Scott McBrien to Derrick Fenner (55), vs. North Carolina, 11-1-03
Opponent– Matt Schaub to Wali Lundy (62), Virginia, 11-13-03

50-Yd. TD Reception
Maryland – Scott McBrien to Jo Jo Walker (67), vs. North Carolina, 11-1-03.
Opponent – Darian Durant to Chad Scott (52), North Carolina, 11-1-03

Team Gained 300 Yards Rushing
Maryland – at Wake Forest (339), 11-29-03.
Opponent – Wake Forest (316), 11-29-03.

Team Gained 400 Yards Rushing
Maryland – vs. Virginia (445), 11-20-99.
Opponent – Ga. Tech (411), 10-9-93.

Team Failed to Gain 100 Yards Rushing
Maryland – at Georgia Tech (96), 10-23-03.
Opponent – NC State (98), 11-22-03.

Team Gained 300 Yards Passing
Maryland – vs. North Carolina (360), 11-1-03
Opponent – Clemson (320), 10-4-03

Team Gained 400 Yards Passing
Maryland – at Wake Forest (425), 11-20-93
Opponent – Florida (456), 1-2-02

Team Failed to Gain 100 Yards Passing
Maryland – vs. Virginia (69), 11-20-99
Opponent – Georgia Tech (98), 10-23-03.

Team Gained 400 Yards Total Offense
Maryland – at Wake Forest (537), 11-29-03.
Opponent – Wake Forest (424), 11-29-03

Team Gained 500 Yards Total Offense
Maryland – at Wake Forest (537), 11-29-03.
Opponent – Florida (659), 1-2-02

Team Gained 600 Yards Total Offense
Maryland – vs. North Carolina (612), 11-1-03.
Opponent – Florida (652), 1-2-02

Team Failed to Gain 200 Yards Total Offense
Maryland – vs. Notre Dame (133), 8-31-02.
Opponent – West Virginia (156), 9-20-03.

Scored 50 Points or more
Maryland – vs North Carolina (59-21), 11-1-03.
Opponent – Florida (23-56), 1-2-02

Played an Overtime Game (All-Time 2-1 in Overtime)
at Northern Illinois (L-1OT, 20-13), 8-28-03

RALPH FRIEDGEN

Head Coach
(Maryland '70)
Third Season

Ralph Friedgen, the first coach in University of Maryland history to lead the Terps to back-to-back seasons of 10 wins or more, entered his third year with the Terps with a rapidly-growing reputation as one of the top coaches in the game today. With just one game left in that third campaign, he has a shot to lead his team to a third-straight 10-win season with a win over West Virginia in the Toyota Gator Bowl.

A long-time successful assistant coach at Georgia Tech, where he was credited with overseeing one of the nation's most potent offensive attacks, Friedgen continues to build a new level of pride and glory to his alma mater's football program, guiding the Terps to a 30-8 record and a trio of major bowl appearances in his three seasons as a collegiate head coach. His 30 wins are four more than any third-year coach in Atlantic Coast Conference history.

The consensus national Coach of the Year in 2001 after leading Maryland to its first ACC championship since 1985, Friedgen and Co. have now proved in back-to-back seasons that his 10-2 rookie campaign of 2001 was no one-hit wonder, posting 20 wins in the last two years — including a school-record tying 11 wins in 2002 — while leading Maryland to a dominating 30-3 win over Tennessee in the 2002 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl. The 30 wins by the Terps over the last three seasons equals Maryland's win total in the six years prior to Friedgen's arrival.

By making its way to this year's Toyota Gator Bowl, Maryland will be making a third consecutive bowl appearance for the first time since playing in four consecutive postseason games from 1982-85.

Long overlooked as a head-coaching candidate, the 1970 Maryland graduate was tapped as the Terps' head football coach following the 2000 season, and he wasted no time in returning the program to the glory days it achieved when Friedgen was an assistant to Bobby Ross in the 1980s.

Two years ago, in his first season as the Terps' grid boss, Maryland won its first seven games and eventually halted Florida State's reign as perennial ACC Champion, earning the league's automatic berth in the Bowl Championship Series. Last season, despite a 1-2 start and without 19 seniors from the previous year, the Terps made their way back to a major bowl game, winning 10 of their last 11 games and finishing in a tie for second in the ACC.

This season provided a bit of déjà vu for Friedgen and the Terrapins as they again started 1-2, only to run off nine wins in the final 10 games of the regular season to earn a second New Year's bowl bid in three years.

Named the winner of the Frank Broyles Award as the top assistant coach in the country in 1999 while at Tech, Friedgen brought 32 years of assistant coaching experience – including 21 as an offensive coordinator either in college or the NFL – with him in his return to College Park.

The 56-year-old Friedgen *(pronounced FREE-jun)* owns the rare distinction of coordinating the offense for both a collegiate national champion (Georgia Tech in 1990) and a Super Bowl team (San Diego in 1994).

Friedgen spent 20 seasons with Ross in coaching stops at The Citadel, Maryland, Georgia Tech and the San Diego Chargers. He returned to Tech in 1997, where he served another successful stint as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

A 1970 graduate of Maryland, where he earned a degree in physical education, Friedgen launched his coaching career as a graduate assistant before heading off to a triumvirate of jobs including stints at The Citadel (1973-79), William & Mary (1980) and Murray State (1981). In '82, he returned to Maryland as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach under Ross, with Friedgen's tenure lasting until 1986. During that stretch, the Terps captured three consecutive ACC championships (1983-85) and played in four bowl games. All told, the Terrapins were 39-15-1 from 1982-86 and won two bowl games (the Sun Bowl in 1984 and the Cherry Bowl in 1985). It is the type of success Friedgen has re-instilled in the current group of Terrapins.

During his five-year stay at Maryland under Ross, Friedgen was instrumental in the development of future pro quarterbacks Boomer Esiason, Frank Reich and Stan Gelbaugh, all of whom spent at least 10 seasons in the National Football League. Esiason played professionally from 1984-97, Reich from 1985-98 and Gelbaugh from 1986-95.

The Ross-Friedgen connection began in 1973, when Ross hired the former Maryland offensive lineman as defensive line coach at The Citadel. Friedgen spent seven seasons at The Citadel, the last three as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. Friedgen then worked one season (1980) as offensive coordinator at William & Mary and one season (1981) as assistant head coach at Murray State before Ross tapped him to be his offensive coordinator at Maryland in 1982

Friedgen followed Ross to Georgia Tech in 1987, becoming the Yellow Jackets' offensive coordinator an quarterbacks coach for the next five seasons, includi the 1990 campaign when Tech, unranked in the pr season, captured the national championship with an 1 0-1 record. The national title came just two years after th Jackets had posted back-to-back seasons of three wins less.

When Ross was named head coach of the San D ego Chargers in 1992, he tapped Friedgen to serve running game coordinator for two seasons (1992-9 before elevating him to offensive coordinator in 199 when the Chargers advanced to the Super Bowl for th first time in franchise history. During his time with th Chargers, Friedgen helped a club that had not made th playoffs in a decade reach postseason play three times five seasons.

Known for developing balanced offensive attac with multiple looks, Tech was one of only two teams the country in 1999 to average at least 200 yards rushi and 200 yards passing. Tech also accomplished the fe under Friedgen's guidance in 1990, '91 and '98. The 19 team, with the diminutive Joe Hamilton calling the s nals at quarterback, set 59 school records, rewriting ma marks established by the 1990 national championsh team, which was led by another Friedgen pupil, sign

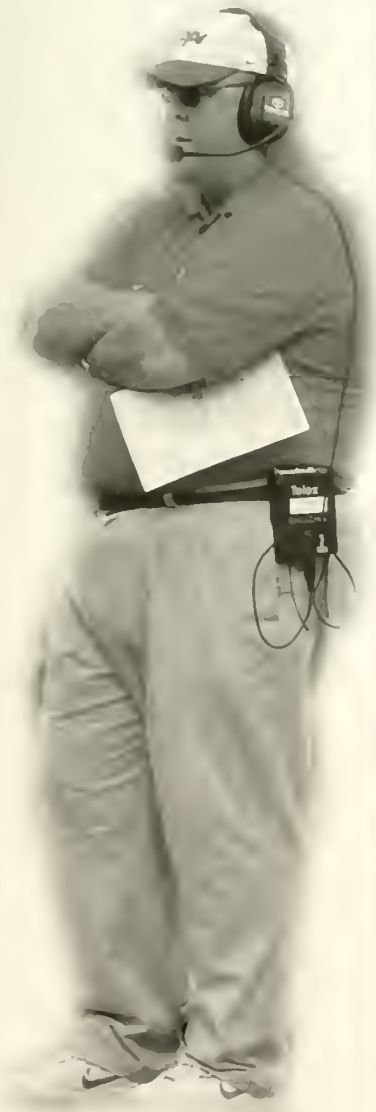
Ralph Friedgen and his wife, Gloria, met President George W. Bush at the 2002 White House Correspondent's Dinner.

aller Shawn Jones (1989-92). Friedgen was a finalist for he Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach in 998 when the Rambling Wreck set a then-school record vith 50 touchdowns.

The first Maryland alum since Bob Ward (1967-68) o serve as the Terps' head football coach, Friedgen origially came to Maryland as a quarterback in the mid-'60s nd spent most of his career as an offensive lineman, letering in 1966 and '68 and capturing Academic All-ACC onors. He was a two-time winner of the George C. Cook Memorial Award (1968-69) for having the highest acaemic average on the football team.

Friedgen's coaching roots run deep. His father, Ralph, Sr., was a high school coach for more than 30 ears and masterminded, among other teams, the 1964 Westchester County (N.Y.) High School team that went ndefeated and averaged 44 points per game running vhat was then an unusual multiple offense. It was an offense run by a 190-pound quarterback later recruited by Maryland named Ralph Friedgen, Jr.

Friedgen and his wife, the former Gloria Spina, have three daughters: Kelley, Kristina, and Katie. Gloria is currently serving as an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland.



The Friedgen File

Personal

Full Name	Ralph Harry Friedgen
Date of Birth	April 4, 1947
Hometown	Harrison, N.Y.
Alma Mater	Maryland, '70
Pronunciation	FREE-jun

Coaching Experience

Maryland	
2001-	Head Coach
Georgia Tech	
1997-2000	Assistant Coach - Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line
San Diego Chargers	
1994-96	Assistant Coach - Offensive Coordinator,
1992-93	Assistant Coach - Running Game Coordinator/H-Backs/Tight Ends
Georgia Tech	
1987-91	Assistant Coach - Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
Maryland	
1982-86	Assistant Coach - Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line
Murray State	
1981	Assistant Head Coach
William & Mary	
1980	Assistant Coach - Offensive Coordinator
The Citadel	
1977-79	Assistant Coach - Offensive Coordinator
1973-76	Assistant Coach - Defensive Line
Maryland	
1969-72	Graduate Assistant

Playing Experience

Maryland	
1966, 1968	Guard (2 letters)

Coaching Honors

★ *2001* Associated Press National Coach of the Year
★ *2001* Home Depot National Coach of the Year
★ *2001 Football News* Coach of the Year
★ *2001 American Football Monthly* Coach of the Year
★ *2001 The Sporting News* Coach of the Year
★ *2001* Eddie Robinson/FWAA National Coach of the Year
★ *2001* Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year
★ *2001* Walter Camp National Coach of the Year
★ *2001* Washington D.C. Pigskin Club Nat'l Coach of the Year
★ *2001 CNN/SI* National Coach of the Year
★ *2001 CBS Sportsline.com* National Coach of the Year
★ *2001 ABC Sports.com* National Coach of the Year
★ *2001 ACC Coach of the Year*

Friedgen's Bowl History

7-4 Overall, 1-1 as a head coach
(all as an assistant coach except for 2001 & 2002)

1982 — Aloha Bowl (Washington 21, Maryland 20)
1983 — Citrus Bowl (Tennessee 30, Maryland 23)
1984 — Sun Bowl (Maryland 28, Tennessee 27)
1985 — Cherry Bowl (Maryland 35, Syracuse 18)
1990 — Citrus Bowl (Georgia Tech 45, Nebraska 21)
1991 — Aloha Bowl (Georgia Tech 18, Stanford 17)
1997 — Carquest Bowl (Georgia Tech 35, West Virginia 30)
1998 — Gator Bowl (Georgia Tech 35, Notre Dame 28)
1999 — Gator Bowl (Miami 28, Georgia Tech 13)
2001 — Orange Bowl (Florida 56, Maryland 23)
2002 — Peach Bowl (Maryland 31, Tennessee 3)

Yearly Head Coaching Results

2001

10-2-0 (7-0, 3-1, 0-1) ▪ ACC: 7-1-0, Champions

S1			North Carolina	W	23-7	44,080
S8			Eastern Michigan	W	50-3	42,105
S22			at Wake Forest	W	27-20	22,372
S29			West Virginia	W	32-20	40,166
O6	[25]	[-]	Virginia	W	41-21	44,197
O11	[22]	[15]	at Georgia Tech	W	20-17 (ot)	40,574
O20	[12]	[-]	Duke	W	59-17	43,528
O27	[10]	[18]	at Florida State	L	31-52	82,565
N3	[15]	[-]	Troy State	W	47-14	38,415
N10	[13]	[-]	Clemson	W	37-20	52,462
N17	[10]	[-]	at NC State	W	23-19	51,500
FedEx Orange Bowl						
J2	[6]	[5]	Florida[1]	L	23-56	73,640

[1] at Miami, Fla. (Pro Player Stadium)

2002

11-3-0 (6-1, 3-1, 1-1) ▪ ACC: 6-2-0, T-2nd

A25	[21]	vs. Notre Dame[1]	L	0-22	72,903
S7		Akron	W	44-14	48,057
S14		Florida State	L	10-37	51,758
S21		E. Michigan	W	45-3	46,098
S28		Wofford	W	37-8	44,098
O5		at West Virginia	W	48-17	55,146
O17		Georgia Tech	W	34-10	41,766
O26		at Duke	W	45-12	23,451
N2		at North Carolina	W	59-7	44,000
N9	[25]	[14] NC State	W	24-21	52,915
N16	[19]	at Clemson	W	30-12	72,000
N23	[18]	at Virginia	L	13-48	58,358
N30	[25]	Wake Forest	W	32-14	39,006
Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl					
D31	[18]	vs. Tennessee[2]	W	30-3	68,330

[1] at East Rutherford, N.J. (Giants Stadium); [2] at Atlanta, Ga. (Georgia Dome)

2003

9-3-0 (6-0, 3-3, 0-0) ▪ ACC: 6-2-0, 2nd

A28	[15]	at Northern Illinois	L	13-20 (ot)	28,018
S6	[11]	at Florida State	L	10-35	82,885
S13		The Citadel	W	61-0	51,594
S20		West Virginia	W	34-7	51,973
S27		at E. Michigan	W	37-13	19,628
O4		Clemson	W	21-7	51,545
O11		Duke	W	33-20	50,084
O23		at Georgia Tech	L	3-7	51,524
N1		North Carolina	W	59-21	51,195
N13		Virginia	W	27-17	51,027
N22		at NC State	W	26-24	53,800
N29		at Wake Forest	W	41-28	18,783
Toyota Gator Bowl					
J1	[23]	[20] vs. West Virginia			

[1] at Jacksonville, Fla.

STAFF ON THE FIELD

GARY BLACKNEY

Defensive Coordinator/ Secondary

(Connecticut '67)

Third Season

Coaching Experience

Maryland	
2001-	Assistant Coach - Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
Bowling Green	
1991-2000	Head Coach
Ohio State	
1988-90	Assistant Coach - Inside Linebackers
1985-87	Assistant Coach - Defensive Coordinator
1984	Assistant Coach - Defensive Backs
Syracuse	
1980-83	Assistant Coach - Defensive Backs
UCLA	
1978-79	Assistant Coach - Defensive Backs
Wisconsin	
1977	Assistant Coach - Defensive Coordinator
1975-76	Assistant Coach - Defensive Backs
Rhode Island	
1973-74	Assistant Coach - Offensive Backs
Brown	
1970-72	Assistant Coach - Defensive Backs
Connecticut	
1968-69	Graduate Assistant

JAMES FRANKLIN

Wide Receivers/ Recruiting Coordinator

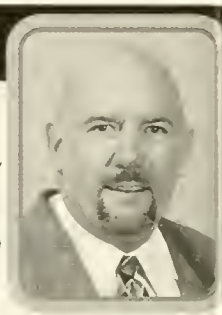
(East Stroudsburg '95)

Fourth Season

Coaching Experience

Maryland	
2003-	Recruiting Coordinator
2000-	Assistant Coach - Wide Receivers
Idaho State	
1999	Assistant Coach - Wide Receivers
Washington State	
1998	Assistant Coach - Tight Ends
James Madison	
1997	Assistant Coach - Wide Receivers
East Stroudsburg	
1996	Graduate Assistant - Secondary
Kutztown	
1995	Assistant Coach - Wide Receivers

RAY RYCHLESKI



Special Teams Coordinator/ Tight ends

(Millersville '79)

Third Season

Coaching Experience

Maryland	
2001-	Assistant Coach – Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends
Wake Forest	
1999-2000	Assistant Coach - Tight Ends/ Special Teams
1996-98	Outside Linebackers
1993-95	Defensive Line
East Stroudsburg	
1992	Assistant Coach - Special Teams Coordinator/Defensive Backs
Toronto Argonauts	
Summer, 1992	Volunteer Assistant Coach - Defense
Penn State	
1991	Graduate Assistant - Offensive Line
Northeastern	
1989-90	Assistant Coach - Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers
Temple	
1981-88	GA/Assistant Coach - Outside Linebackers and Rovers
Neshaminy (Pa.) High School	
1980	Head Coach - Freshman Team
Manheim (Pa.) Township High School	
1979	Assistant Coach - Quarterbacks/Defensive Backs

DAVE SOLLAZZO

Defesnive Line/ NFL Liasion

(The Citadel '77)

Third Season

Coaching Experience

Maryland	
2001-	Assistant Coach - Defensive Line/NFL Liaison
Georgia Tech	
1999-2000	Assistant Coach - Defensive Tackles
The Citadel	
1989-98	Assistant Coach - Defensive Line
Guilford (N.C.) College	
1988	Assistant Coach - Defensive Line
Maryland	
1986-87	[illegible] Coach - Defensive Line
Stratford (S.C.) High	
1985	[illegible]ensive Coordinator
Maryland	
1984	[illegible]tant - Linebackers

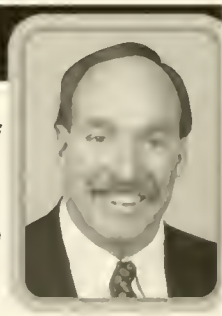
TOM DEAHN

Director of Football Operations

(Heidelberg '87)

Fifth Season

DWIGHT GALT



Director of Strength & Conditioning

(Maryland '81)

15th Season

STAFF IN THE BOOTH

CHARLIE TAAFFE

Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks
(Siena '73)
Third Season

Coaching Experience

Maryland	
2001-	**Assistant Coach - Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach**
Montreal Alouettes (CFL)	
1999-2000	**Head Coach**
1997-98	**Offensive Coordinator**
The Citadel	
1987-96	**Head Coach**
U.S. Military Academy	
1981-86	**Assistant Coach - Offensive Coordinator, Quarterbacks, Offensive Backfield**
Virginia	
1976-80	**Assistant Coach - Offensive Backfield, Linebackers, Special Teams**
NC State	
1975	**Graduate Assistant – Offensive Backs**
Georgia Tech	
1974	**Graduate Assistant – Wide Receivers**
Albany (N.Y.)	
1973	**Assistant Coach - Offensive Backfield**

TIM BANKS

Inside Linebackers
(Central Michigan '94)
First Season

Coaching Experience

Maryland	
2003-	Assistant Coach - Inside Linebackers
Memphis	
2002	Assistant Coach - Cornerbacks
2001	Assistant Coach - Outside Linebackers
Bowling Green	
2000	Assistant Coach - Defensive Backs
1999	Assistant Coach - Running Backs
Ferris State	
1997-98	Assistant Coach - Defensive Backs
Bowling Green	
1996	Graduate Assistant - Defense

TOM BRATTAN

Offensive Line
(Delaware '72)
Third Season

Coaching Experience

Maryland	
2001-	Assistant Coach - Offensive Line
Stanford	
1999-2000	Assistant Coach - Offensive Line (centers and guards)
Northwestern	
1997-98	Assistant Head Coach
1992-98	Assistant Coach - Offensive Line
William & Mary	
1984-91	Assistant Coach - Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line
1983	Assistant Coach - Offensive Backfield
Highland Springs (Va.) High School	
1979-82	Head Coach
Lloyd C. Bird (Va.) High School	
1978	Head Coach
McKean (Del.) High School	
1977	Head Coach
Highland Springs (Va.) High School	
1973-75	Assistant Coach - Offensive Line
Delaware	
1972	Graduate Assistant

BILL O'BRIEN

Running Backs
(Brown '92)
First Season

Coaching Experience

Maryland	
2003-	Assistant Coach - Running Backs
Georgia Tech	
2002	Assistant Head Coach
2001-2002	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
1999-2000	Recruiting Coordinator
1998-2000	Running Backs
1995-1997	Graduate Assistant - Offense
Brown	
1994	Inside Linebackers
1993	Tight Ends

AL SEAMONSON

Outside Linebackers/ Special Team Asst.
(Wisconsin '82)
Third Season

Coaching Experience

Maryland	
2001 -	Assistant Coach - Outside Linebackers/Special Teams Assistant
Bowling Green	
2000	Assistant Coach - Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers
The Citadel	
1987-99	Assistant Coach - Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers/Wide Receivers
United States Military Academy	
1985-86	Assistant Coach - Linebackers
Wisconsin	
1983-84	Graduate Assistant - Defensive Backs
1982-83	Part-Time Assistant Coach - Wide Receivers

JOHN DONOVAN

Assistant Recruiting Coordinator
(Johns Hopkins '97)
Third Season

SUPPORT STAFF

GREG SESNY

Graduate Assistant (Defense)

(Catholic '99)

Third Season

BRIAN HICKSON

Graduate Assistant (Offense)

(Towson '01)

Second Season

RON OHRINGER

Head Equipment Manager

(Maryland '85)

16th Season

BRIAN CRITES, M.D.

Head Team Physician/ Orthopaedic Surgeon

First Year

SANDY WORTH

Head Athletic Trainer

30th Season

HEATHER ARIANNA

Associate Director (Academic Support & Career Development)

MITCH WILKENS

Director of Video Services

(Tennessee '97)

Third Season

BUTCH RHODERICK

State Police

KARYL HENRY

Administrative Assistant to the Head Coach

MONA FELDER

Administrative Assistant (Offense)

PAULA BROGLIO

Administrative Assistant (Defense)

STACEY JOHNSON

Administrative Assistant (Recruiting)

MARYLAND FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.		Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
97	*	Tosin Abari	DT	5-10	274	Sr.	1V	Mt. Rainier, Md. (Good Counsel HS)
81		Paschal Abiamiri	WR	6-2	193	Fr.	RS	Randallstown, Md. (Mount St. Joseph HS)
		Rob Abiamiri	TE	6-2	241	Jr.	SO	Randallstown, Md. (Mount St. Joseph HS)
31 (d)		Olufemi Aje	DB	5-9	180	Jr.	RS	Silver Spring, Md. (Springbrook HS)
33	*	Josh Allen	TB	5-11	207	So.	1V	Tampa, Fla. (Eleanor Roosevelt HS (Md.))
36 (d)		Chimenem Amadi	DB	5-10	198	Fr.	HS	Riverdale, Md. (Laurel HS)
24	***	Leroy Ambush	LB	6 0	225	Sr.	3V	Frederick, Md. (Thomas Johnson HS)
21		Robert Armstrong	DT	6-3	303	Fr.	HS	Arlington, Va. (Washington-Lee HS/Fork Union Military)
85 (d)		Tom Augustyn	WR	6-0	197	So.	RS	Fairfax, Va. (Robinson HS)
31 (d)		Lance Ball	TB	5-9	229	Fr.	HS	Teaneck, N.J. (Teaneck HS)
8 (d)		Quintin Beltran	TB	5-11	190	So.	SO	Woodbridge, Va. (C.D. Hylton HS)
95		Conrad Bolston	DE	6-2	279	Fr.	HS	Burtonsville, Md. (St. John's College HS)
77	*	Russell Bonham	OG	6-4	295	So.	1V	Winston-Salem, N.C. (Carver HS)
4 (d)		Matt Brant	FS	6-0	153	Fr.	RS	Chevy Chase, Md. (Gonzaga College HS)
74	**	C.J. Brooks	OT	6-6	31B	Jr.	2V	Rex, Ga. (Morrow HS)
93		Davian Bryan	NT	5-11	276	Jr.	SO	Hyattsville, Md. (Northwestern HS)
73	***	Lamar Bryant	OG	6 3	313	Sr.	3V	Clinton, Md. (Crossland HS)
47		Tim Cesa	LB	6-0	240	Fr.	HS	Kennesaw, Ga. (Harrison HS)
37	*	Jamal Chance	CB	6-0	200	Sr.	1V	Ephrata, Pa. (Ephrata HS/Lackawanna JC)
71		Brock Choate	OT	6-4	273	Fr.	HS	Montoursville, Pa. (Loyalsock Township HS)
21		Chris Choice	CB	5-11	193	Fr.	RS	Suitland, Md. (Eleanor Roosevelt HS)
56		Garrick Clig	OG	6-3	296	Fr.	HS	Port Orange, Fla. (Spruce Creek HS)
49	**	Jamahl Cochran	LEO	6-0	254	Jr.	2V	Morristown, N.J. (Morristown HS)
36 (d)		David Coleman	RB	5-11	177	So.	SO	Rosedale, N.Y. (Bayside HS)
47	**	Jon Condo	LEO	6-3	241	Jr.	2V	Philipsburg, Pa. (Philipsburg-Osceola HS)
7		Tre Cooper	WR	5-8	173	Fr.	RS	Atlanta, Ga. (Benedict College)
30	***	Curome Cox	CB	6 0	197	Sr.	3V	Arlington, Va. (Gonzaga College HS)
63		Andrew Crummey	C/OG	6-4	273	Fr.	HS	Van Wert, Ohio (Van Wert HS)
26	**	Raymond Custis	FS	5-9	189	Jr.	2V	Germantown, Md. (Northwest HS)
87		Vernon Davis	WR	6-3	231	Fr.	HS	Washington, D.C. (Dunbar HS)
	*	Ricardo Dickerson	FB	6-1	243	So.	1V	Hyattsville, Md. (Northwestern HS)
64	*	Justin Duffie	DL	6-1	2B7	So.	1V	Gaithersburg, Md. (Landon HS)
82	***	Jeff Dugan	TE	6 5	25B	Sr.	3V	Allison Park, Pa. (Central Catholic HS)
75	***	Eric Dumas	OT	6 6	301	Sr.	3V	Atlanta, Ga. (Benjamin Mays HS)
91	*	Kevin Eli	DE	6-2	272	Jr.	1V	Deptford, N.J. (Deptford HS)
11 (d)		Daniel Ennis	PK	6-0	149	Fr.	RS	Sykesville, Md. (Glenelg HS)
11 (d)		Orlando Evans	QB	6-0	193	Sr.	SO	Stockton, Calif. (Brookside Christian/CCSF)
96	***	C.J. Feldheim	NT	6-3	2B7	Sr.	3V	Hereford, Md. (Hereford HS)
83	*	Derrick Fenner	WR	6-0	185	So.	1V	Hampton, Va. (Hampton HS)
44 (d)	**	Bernie Fiddler	FB	6 1	244	Sr.	2V	Swedesboro, N.J. (Kingsway HS)
78	*	Ryan Flynn	OT	6-3	273	Jr.	1V	Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney HS)
5	**	Domonique Foxworth	CB	5-11	177	Jr.	2V	Randallstown, Md. (Western Tech HS)
43		Jon Gruber	FB	5-9	209	Jr.	SO	Somerville, N.J. (Bridgewater HS)
27 (d)		Milton Harris	DB	5-11	195	So.	SO	Lanham, Md. (Duval HS/Delaware State)
4 (d)	***	Latrez Harrison	WR	6 2	223	Sr.	3V	Atlanta, Ga. (Booker T. Washington HS)
30 (d)		Joey Haynos	TE	6-B	247	Fr.	HS	Rockville, Md. (Gonzaga College HS)
51	**	Andrew Henley	LB	6-0	240	Sr.	2V	Riverdale, Md. (DeMatha HS)
70	*	Stephon Heyer	OT	6-6	295	So.	1V	Lawrenceville, Ga. (Brookwood HS)
14 (d)		Sam Hollenbach	OB	6-5	223	Fr.	RS	Sellersville, Pa. (Pennridge HS)
59		David Holloway	LB	6-2	228	Fr.	RS	Stephentown, N.Y. (Albany Academy)
53		Reggie Holmes	LB	6-2	240	Fr.	RS	Bowie, Md. (Bowie HS)
22 (d)		Jonathan Howell	WR	5-9	165	Fr.	HS	Brandywine, Md. (Brandywine HS)
20 (d)		J.P. Humber	TB	6-0	217	Fr.	RS	Lakeland, Fla. (George Jenkins HS)
52	*	D'Qwell Jackson	LB	6-1	224	So.	1V	Largo, Fla. (Seminole HS)
35 (d)		Wesley Jefferson	LB	6-1	233	Fr.	HS	Clinton, Md. (Gwynn Park HS)
32	***	Leon Joe	LB	6 1	232	Sr.	3V	Clinton, Md. (Friendly HS)
35 (d)		Albert Jones	TB	5-11	212	So.	SO	Brandywine, Md. (Gwynn Park HS)
2	*	Chris Kelley	SS	6-2	210	Jr.	1V	Germantown, Md. (Seneca Valley HS)
48	*	William Kershaw	LB	6-3	233	So.	1V	Raeford, N.C. (Hoke County HS)
50 (d)		Jermaine Lemons	LB	6-1	246	Fr.	HS	Tampa, Fla. (Thomas Jefferson HS)
79	**	Lou Lombardo	OT	6-6	2B7	Jr.	2V	Baltimore, Md. (Calvert Hall HS)
29		Sammy Maldonado	TB	6-1	233	Jr.	RS	Harrison, N.Y. (Harrison HS/Ohio State)

Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.
1	Bruce Perry	TB
2	Chris Kelley	SS
3	Rob Abiamiri	TE
4 (d)	Latrez Harrison	WR
4 (d)	Mike Moyseenko	QB
5	Ricardo Dickerson	FB
6	Domonique Foxworth	CB
7	Scott McBrien	QB
8	Mario Merrills	TB
9	Jo Jo Walker	WR
10 (d)	Ryan Mitch	QB
10 (d)*	Madieu Williams	FS
11 (d)	Dan Ennis	PK
11 (d)	Orlando Evans	QB
12	Marcus Wimbush	FS
13	Dennard Wilson	SS
14 (d)	Matt Brant	FS
14 (d)	Sam Hollenbach	QB
15	Curtis Williams	WR
16	Joel Statham	QB
18 (d)	Quintin Beltran	TB
18 (d)	Maurice Shanks	WR
19	Jafar Williams	WR
20 (d)	J.P. Humber	TB
20 (d)	Greg Powell	WR
21	Chris Choice	CB
22 (d)	Jonathan Howell	WR
22 (d)	Rich Parson	WR
23	Andrew Smith	SS
24	Leroy Ambush	LB
25	Josh Wilson	CB
26	Raymond Custis	FS
27 (d)	Tim Cesa	LB
27 (d)	Milton Harris	DB
29 (d)	Sammy Maldonado	TB
29 (d)	Michael Vanison	DB
30	Curome Cox	CB
31 (d)	Olufemi Aje	DB
31 (d)	Lance Ball	TB
32	Leon Joe	LB
33	Josh Allen	TB
34	Steve Suter	WR
35 (d)	Wesley Jefferson	LB
35 (d)	Albert Jones	TB
36 (d)	David Coleman	RB
36 (d)	Adam Podlesh	P
37 (d)	Jamal Chance	CB
38	Gerrick McPhearson	CB
40 (d)	Maurice Smith	FB
41	Kevin Eli	DE
43	Jon Gruber	FB
44 (d)	Jeris Smith	LB
44 (d)	Bernie Fiddler	FB
45	Shawne Merriman	LEO
46	Nick Novak	PK
47	Jon Condo	LEO
48	William Kershaw	LB

No.		Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
76 (d)		Eddie Matto	OG	6-4	278	Fr.	HS	Miami Lakes, Fla. (Delaney HS (Md.))
7	*	Scott McBrien	QB	6-1	182	Sr.	1V	Rockville, Md. (DeMatha HS/West Virginia)
55		Brendan McDermond	OL	6-1	245	Fr.	HS	Columbia, Md. (River Hill HS)
68		Ryan McDonald	OG	6-2	281	So.	RS	Hagerstown, Md. (Williamsport/Concord College)
38	*	Gerrick McPhearson	CB	5-10	192	So.	1V	Columbia, Md. (Howard HS)
85 (d)	*	Dan Melendez	WR	6-2	175	So.	1V	Lancaster, Pa. (J.P. McCaskey HS)
8	*	Mario Merrills	TB	5-10	200	So.	1V	Columbia, Md. (Wilde Lake HS)
45	*	Shawne Merriman	LEO	6-4	253	So.	1V	Upper Marlboro, Md. (Frederick Douglass HS)
84	*	Derek Miller	TE	6-8	258	So.	1V	Carlisle, Pa. (Boiling Springs HS)
10 (d)		Ryan Mitch	QB	6-1	207	Fr.	HS	McLean, Va. (DeMatha HS)
92 (d)		Dre Moore	DT	6-4	285	Fr.	HS	Charlotte, N.C. (Independence HS)
4 (d)		Mike Moyseenko	QB	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Hagerstown, Md. (So. Hagerstown HS)
58		Brandon Nixon	OT	6-5	337	Fr.	HS	Pottstown, Pa. (Pottstown HS)
46	**	Nick Novak	PK	6-0	183	Jr.	2V	Charlottesville, Va. (Albemarle HS)
80 (d)	*	Onnie Onwuemene	WR	6-1	181	Jr.	1V	Silver Spring, Md. (Good Counsel HS)
22 (d)	**	Rich Parson	WR	5-10	187	Jr.	2V	Newark, Del. (Newark Academy)
1	***	Bruce Perry	TB	5 10	205	Sr.	3V	Philadelphia, Pa. (George Washington HS)
36 (d)		Adam Podlesh	P	5-11	209	Fr.	RS	Pittsford, N.Y. (Pittsford Sutherland HS)
20 (d)		Greg Powell	WR	5-11	172	Fr.	HS	Annapolis, Md. (Annapolis HS)
65		Matt Powell	OT	6-4	331	So.	SO	Ft. Washington, Md. (Oxon Hill HS)
90		Patrick Powell	DE	6-3	248	Fr.	HS	Richmond, Va. (L.C. Bird HS)
88		Dave Ouaintance	DT	6-5	275	Fr.	RS	Philadelphia, Pa. (Archbishop Ryan HS)
92 (d)		Darren Sanders	TE	6-4	253	Fr.	RS	Pomfret, Md. (McDonough HS)
98		Omarr Savage	LB/DE	6-5	248	Fr.	HS	Piscataway, N.J. (Piscataway HS)
86 (d)		Brad Schell	TE	6-5	247	Fr.	RS	Spencerville, Md. (Paint Branch HS)
72	**	Kyle Schmitt	C	6-5	297	Jr.	2V	Latrobe, Pa. (Derry Area HS)
76 (d)		Henry Scott	DE	6-3	279	Jr.	SO	Baltimore, Md. (Kenwood HS)
18 (d)	*	Maurice Shanks	WR	6-4	197	Jr.	1V	Hampton, Va. (Phoebus HS)
23	**	Andrew Smith	SS	5 11	207	Sr.	2V	Fort Meade, Md. (Meade HS)
44 (d)		Jeris Smith	LB	6-2	233	Fr.	RS	Eldersburg, Md. (Liberty HS)
40	**	Maurice Smith	FB	5-11	229	Jr.	2V	Waldorf, Md. (Westlake HS)
54	***	Scott Smith	DE	6 5	257	Sr.	3V	Philadelphia, Pa. (George Washington HS)
57	**	Randy Starks	DT	6-4	305	Jr.	2V	Waldorf, Md. (Westlake HS)
16		Joel Statham	QB	6-1	207	Fr.	RS	Chatsworth, Ga. (Murray County HS)
50 (d)		Paul Stellacci	LB	6-2	217	Fr.	RS	Carmel, N.Y. (Carmel HS)
34	*	Steve Suter	WR	5-10	192	Jr.	1V	Manchester, Md. (North Carroll HS)
61	*	Ed Tyler	OG	6 3	293	Sr.	1V	Franklinville, N.J. (Delsea HS)
29 (d)		Michael Vanison	DB	5-9	181	So.	TR	(DeMatha HS/Bowie State)
9	*	Jo Jo Walker	WR	5-9	165	So.	1V	Carrollton, Texas (Creekview HS)
89		Drew Weatherly	WR	6-4	200	Fr.	HS	Georgetown, Del. (Sussex Central HS)
15	**	Curtis Williams	WR	6-2	199	Jr.	2V	Huntington Station, N.Y. (Huntington HS)
19	***	Jafar Williams	WR	6 2	210	Sr.	3V	Philadelphia, Pa. (George Washington HS)
10 (d)	*	Madieu Williams	FS	6-1	188	Sr.	1V	Lanham, Md. (Duval HS/Towson)
13	***	Dennard Wilson	SS	5-10	189	Sr.	3V	Upper Marlboro, Md. (DeMatha HS)
25		Josh Wilson	CB	5-9	172	Fr.	HS	Upper Marlboro, Md. (DeMatha HS)
12		Marcus Wimbush	FS	5-11	205	Fr.	RS	Washington, D.C. (Dunbar HS)
69		Donnie Woods	OT	6-3	286	Fr.	HS	Dade City, Fla. (Thomas Jefferson HS)

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Pronunciation Guide

Players	Pronunciation Guide
Tosin Abani	toe-suhn uh-BAR-ee
Paschal Abiamiri	PASS-kull A-BE-uh-meery
Rob Abiamiri	A-BE-uh-meery
Curome Cox	curr-OHM
Eric Dumas	DOO-mus
Latrez Harris	luh-TREZ
Sam Hollenbach	hall-un-bock
D'Qwell Jackson	dee-KWELL
Gerrick McPhearson	pronounced with hard g
Onnie Onwuemene	on-WEM-uh-knee
Adam Podlesh	pod-lesh
Joel Statham	state-umm
Jafar Williams	juh-FAR
Madieu Williams	muh-DEE-ooh
Dennard Wilson	duh-NARD

Coaches	
Tom Brattan	rhymes with latin
Ralph Friedgen	FREE-jun
Ray Rychleski	rich-LESS-key
Dave Sollazzo	so-LAH-zo
Charlie Taaffe	rhymes with half

No.	Name	Pos.
49	Jamahl Cochran	LEO
50 (d)	Jermaine Lemons	LB
50 (d)	Paul Stellacci	LB
51	Andrew Henley	LB
52	D'Qwell Jackson	LB
53	Reggie Holmes	LB
54	Scott Smith	DE
55	Brendan McDermond	OL
57	Randy Starks	DT
58	Brandon Nixon	OT
59	David Holloway	LB
61	Ed Tyler	OG
63	Andrew Crummey	C/OG
64	Justin Duffie	DL
65	Matt Powell	OT
66	Garrick Clig	OG
68	Ryan McDonald	OG
69	Donnie Woods	OT
70	Stephon Heyer	OT
71	Brock Choate	OT
72	Kyle Schmitt	C
73	Lamar Bryant	OG
74	C.J. Brooks	OT
75	Eric Dumas	OT
76 (d)	Eddie Matto	OG
76 (d)	Henry Scott	DE
77	Russell Bonham	OG
78	Ryan Flynn	OT
79	Lou Lombardo	OT
80 (d)	Joey Haynos	TE
80 (d)	Onnie Onwuemene	WR
81	Paschal Abiamiri	WR
82	Jeff Dugan	TE
83	Derrick Fenner	WR
84	Derek Miller	TE
85 (d)	Tom Augustyn	WR
85 (d)	Dan Melendez	WR
86 (d)	Chimenem Amadi	DB
86 (d)	Brad Schell	TE
87	Vernon Davis	WR
88	Dave Ouaintance	DT
89	Drew Weatherly	WR
90	Patrick Powell	DE
91	Robert Armstrong	DT
92 (d)	Dre Moore	DT
92 (d)	Darren Sanders	TE
93	Davian Bryan	NT
95	Conrad Bolston	DE
96	C.J. Feldheim	NT
97	Tosin Abani	DT
98	Omarr Savage	LB/DE

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TOSIN ABARI

97

NOSE TACKLE
6-0 • 274 • SR.-1V
MT. RAINIER, MD.
(GOOD COUNSEL)

Hard-working fifth-year senior sees playing time at defensive tackle ... has gotten bigger every year since walking on at Maryland in 1999 ... is of of Nigerian descent . ***Season:*** *(at NCSU)* ... had one tackle in the game along with two QB hurries ... *(at EMU)* ... finished with two tackles ... *(vs. WVU)* .. had a career-high four tackles (two solo) ... *(at FSU)* .. recorded first tackle of the season

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PB	Int.
2003	12-0	4	8	12	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Career	31-0	8	11	19	1.0-11	1.0-11	0	0	0	0

ROB ABIAMIRI

3

TIGHT END
6-3 • 241 • JR.-SO
RANDALLSTOWN, MD.
(MOUNT ST. JOSEPH)

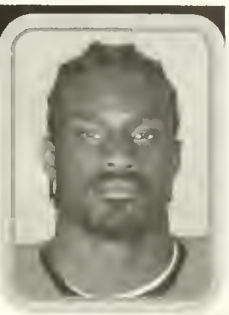
Added 15 pounds in the off-season ... worked his way to the top of the depth chart at receiver prior to the fall of 2001 before succumbing to a foot injury which limited his ability to compete in '01 and '02 ... has good agility for a player his size .. ***Season:*** *(vs. WVU)* ... had an eight-yard reception on pass up the sideline in the third quarter ... *(at FSU)* ... recorded his first career reception for four yards.

Statistics

Receiving	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	12-1	2	12	6.0	0	8
Career	16-1	2	12	6.0	0	8

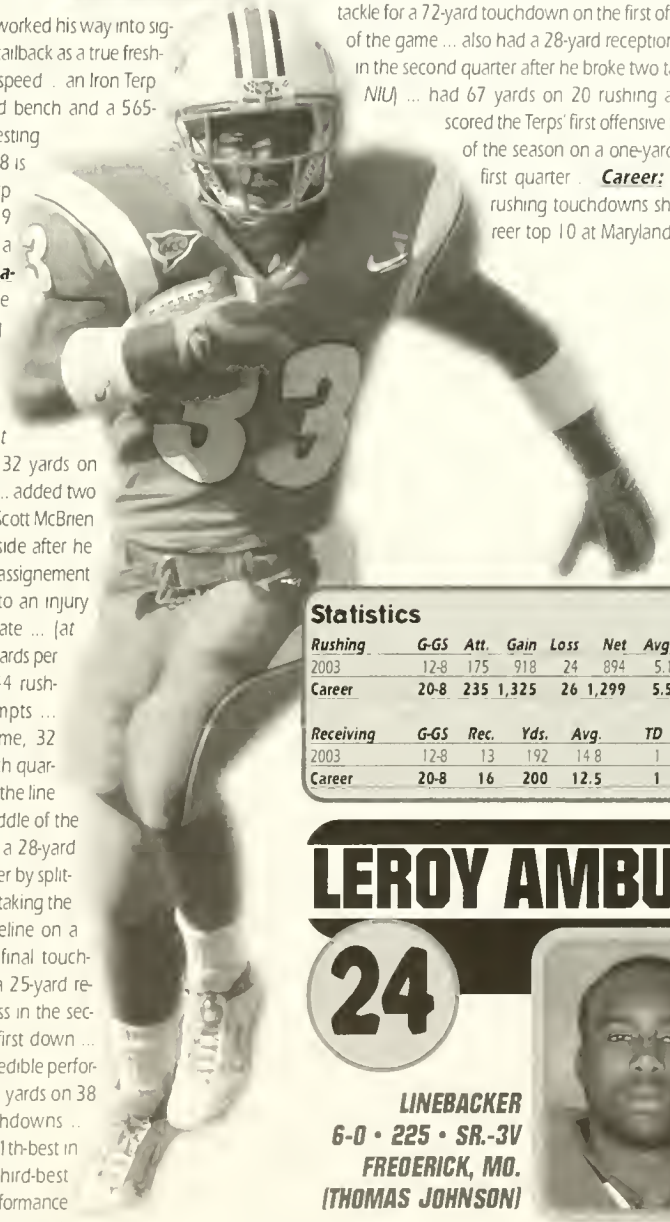
JOSH ALLEN

33



TAILBACK
5-11 • 207 • SO.-1V
TAMPA, FLA.
(ELEANOR ROOSEVELT)

Second-year back who worked his way into significant playing time at tailback as a true freshman ... has breakaway speed . an Iron Terp ... posted a 340-pound bench and a 565-pound squat in spring testing ... strength index of 688 is second-best among Terp running backs ... has 4.9 percent body fat on a 206-pound frame . ***Season:*** ranks fifth in the ACC with 74.5 rushing yards per game ... leads Maryland with eight rushing touchdowns and 894 yards ... *(at WFU)* ... finished with 32 yards on eight rushing attempts ... added two yards on a catch from a Scott McBrien screen pass to the left side after he broke off of his blocking assignement ... used sparingly due to an injury suffered against NC State ... *(at NCSU)* ... averaged 6.3 yards per carry, finishing with 144 rushing yards on 23 attempts ... longest run of the game, 32 yards, came in the fourth quarter as he broke through the line and sprinted up the middle of the field ... he then ran for a 28-yard gain in the fourth quarter by splitting two defenders and taking the ball up the the left sideline on a key play in the Terps' final touchdown drive ... added a 25-yard reception on a screen pass in the second quarter to gain a first down ... *(vs. UVa)* ... had an incredible performance, rushing for 257 yards on 38 carries with two touchdowns .. 257-yard day was the 11th-best in ACC history and the third-best single-game rushing performance in Maryland history behind only Lamont Jordan's 306 yards against Virginia in 1999 and Bruce Perry's 276 yards vs. Wake Forest in 2001 .. 38 rushing attempts in the game stands as the fifth-highest amount in a single game in Terp history ... second touchdown came on an 80-yard touchdown run in the second quarter when he bounced off right tackle and outran the Virginia defenders downfield to the end zone run was the longest of his career ... *(vs. UNC)* .. had a career-long reception for 43 yards and his first career-receiving touchdown on a screen pass from Scott McBrien in the second quarter ran for a touchdown in the second quarter on a five-yard play as he banged his way up the middle to the end zone *(at EMU)* finished with 71 yards on 18 rushing attempts and three receptions for 31 yards ... scored two rushing touchdowns . second touchdown run of the game featured a stiff-arm of the linebacker on the way to an eight-yard gain ... *(vs. WVU)* . gained 54 yards on 16 rushing attempts . showed good awareness by catching a pass which deflected off Jo Jo Walker for a gain of 18 yards in the first quarter . scored a touchdown in the second quarter ... *(vs. The Citadel)* finished with 136 yards on 11 rushing attempts sprinted off left tackle for a 72-yard touchdown on the first offensive play of the game ... also had a 28-yard reception that came in the second quarter after he broke two tackles ... *(at NIU)* ... had 67 yards on 20 rushing attempts ... scored the Terps' first offensive touchdown of the season on a one-yard run in the first quarter . ***Career:*** stands two rushing touchdowns shy of the career top 10 at Maryland.



Statistics

Rushing	G-GS	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg.	TD	LP
2003	12-8	175	918	24	894	5.1	8	80
Career	20-8	235	1,325	26	1,299	5.5	16	80

Receiving	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	12-8	13	192	14.8	1	43
Career	20-8	16	200	12.5	1	43

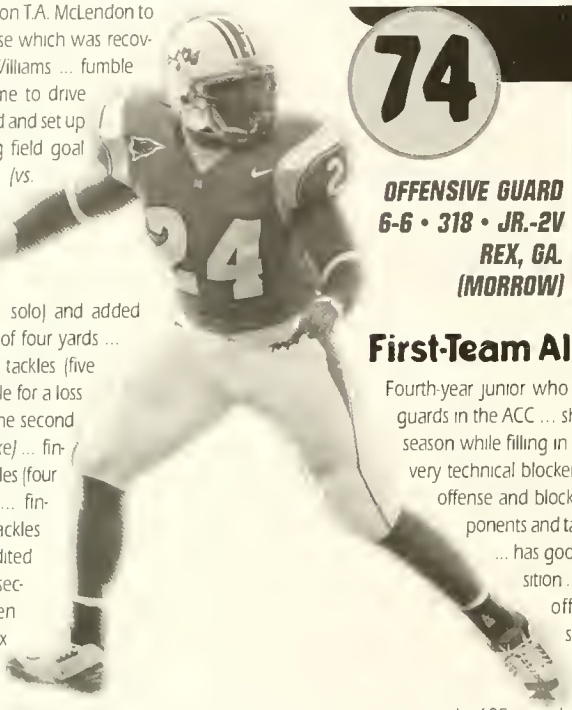
LEROY AMBUSH

24

LINEBACKER
6-0 • 225 • SR.-3V
FREDERICK, MD.
(THOMAS JOHNSON)

Senior who has played a vital role in the defense the last two years ... also a strong special-teams performer . added almost 10 pounds in the off-season while keeping his body fat at 5.7 percent, lowest among Maryland linebackers ***Season:*** has started all 12 games at strongside linebacker seventh on the team with 51 tackles (37 solo) ... *(at WFU)* had an impressive game, tying a career-high with seven tack-

les (five solo) ... *(at NCSU)* ... had a strong game with five tackles (four solo) ... made what was possibly the play of the season, forcing a fumble late in the fourth quarter by putting a crushing hit on T.A. McLendon to knock the ball loose which was recovered by Madieu Williams ... fumble gave the Terps time to drive back down the field and set up the game-winning field goal by Nick Novak ... *(vs. UNC)* ... finished with five tackles (three solo) and added a tackle for a loss of four yards ... *(at GT)* ... had six tackles (five solo) ... had a tackle for a loss of three yards in the second quarter ... *(vs. Duke)* ... finished with five tackles (four solo) ... *(at FSU)* ... finished with two tackles (one solo) ... credited with a sack in the second quarter when he chased Chris Rix out of bounds for a loss of five yards ... *(at NIU)* ... finished with seven tackles (four solo) ... ***Career*** has appeared in 44 career games with the bulk of his work before 2002 coming on special teams.



Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	12-12	37	14	51	4.0-15	1.0-5	1	0	0	0
Career	**44-24**	**72**	**39**	**111**	**9.0-32**	**2.0-10**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

ROB ARMSTRONG

91

DEFENSIVE TACKLE
6-3 • 303 • FR.-HS
ARLINGTON, VA.
(WASHINGTON-LEE)

Strong inside force who has seen playing time in his first year as a Terp ... spent last year at Fork Union Military Academy ... originally signed with Virginia out of high school ... ***Season:*** *(vs. UVa)* ... tied a career-high with three tackles (one solo) ... also recorded the first QB hurry of his career ... had a big stop on a Wali Lundi run for no gain in the first quarter ... *(at GT)* ... finished with three tackles (one solo) ... *(vs. Duke)* ... had three tackles (two solo) ... *(vs. The Citadel)* ... recorded the first tackle of his collegiate career ... *(at FSU)* ... saw his first action as a Terp.

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	11[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

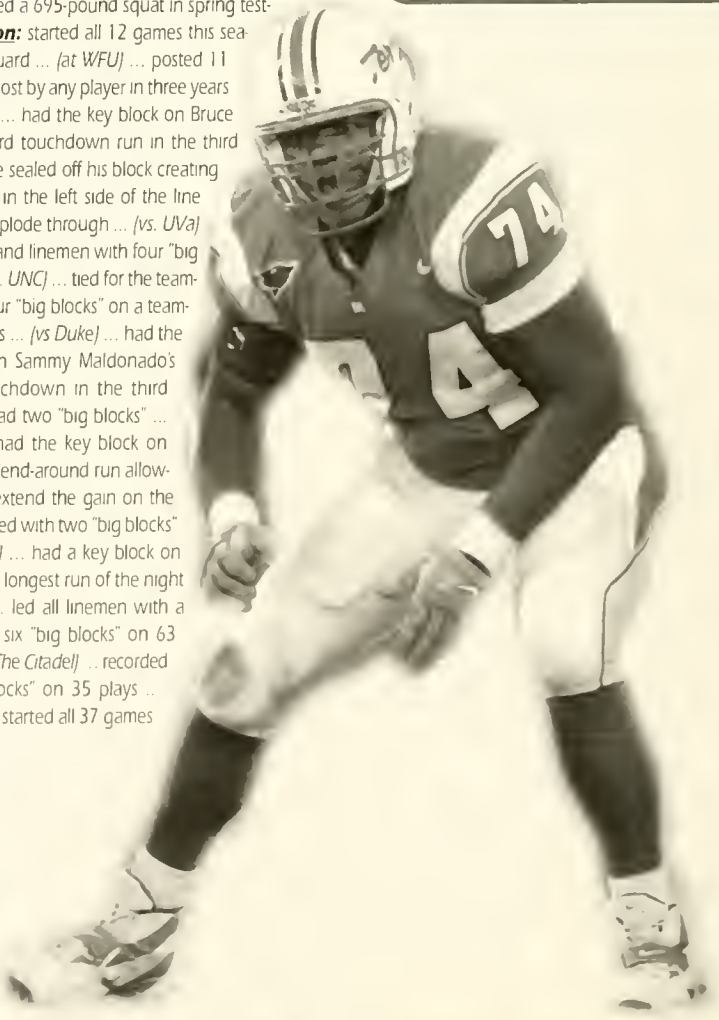
C.J. BROOKS

74

OFFENSIVE GUARD
6-6 • 318 • JR.-2V
REX, GA.
(MORROW)

First-Team All-ACC

Fourth-year junior who has become one of the best guards in the ACC ... shifted from tackle to guard last season while filling in at tackle when necessary ... a very technical blocker who has a firm grasp of the offense and blocking schemes ... gets after opponents and takes pride in finishing his blocks ... has good feet and ideal size for his position ... dropped seven pounds in the off-season while boosting his strength numbers to earn Iron Terp status ... is the team's third-strongest offensive lineman ... posted a 695-pound squat in spring testing ... ***Season:*** started all 12 games this season at left guard ... *(at WFU)* ... posted 11 big blocks, most by any player in three years at Maryland ... had the key block on Bruce Perry's 80-yard touchdown run in the third quarter as he sealed off his block creating a large hole in the left side of the line for him to explode through ... *(vs. UVa)* ... led Maryland linemen with four "big blocks" ... *(vs. UNC)* ... tied for the team-lead with four "big blocks" on a team-high 71 plays ... *(vs Duke)* ... had the key block on Sammy Maldonado's rushing touchdown in the third quarter ... had two "big blocks" ... *(vs CU)* ... had the key block on Steve Suter's end-around run allowing him to extend the gain on the play ... finished with two "big blocks" ... *(vs. WVU)* ... had a key block on Bruce Perry's longest run of the night (14 yards) ... led all linemen with a season-high six "big blocks" on 63 plays ... *(vs. The Citadel)* ... recorded two "big blocks" on 35 plays ... ***Career*** has started all 37 games of his career



CONRAD BOLSTON

95

DEFENSIVE TACKLE
6-2 • 279 • FR.-HS
BURTONSVILLE, MO.
(ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE)

First-year player who moved to defensive end at the start of fall camp but now sees time at tackle ... strong player who has shown the ability to get upfield ... ***Season:*** *(at WFU)* ... notched one tackle ... *(vs. CU)* ... recorded his first career sack in the second quarter as he powered his way to the QB for a loss of three yards ... finished with two tackles (one solo) ... *(vs. The Citadel)* ... recorded the first two tackles of his collegiate career (one solo) ... bulled through the line in the third quarter to record a tackle for a loss of two yards ... *(at FSU)* ... saw his first action as a Terp.

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	9-0	4	3	7	2.0-5	1.0-3	0	0	0	0

LAMAR BRYANT

73

OFFENSIVE GUARD
6-3 • 313 • SR.-3V
CLINTON, MO.
(CROSSLAND)

Fifth-year senior who has come on in the last two years to become one of the best guards in the ACC ... after missing time early in the season due to injury, came on in the second half of 2003 to help pace the Terp running game ... one of the strongest players on the team ... an Iron Terp with a 782 strength index (third-best on the team and tops on the offensive line) ... set all-time Maryland offensive line records for strength index and squat (740) ... broke his own squat record of 695 from a year ago ... also squatted 13 reps of 545 pounds on testing day ... 475-pound bench is also best among Terp linemen ... has good feet and excels at pulling .. ***Season*** started the last nine games at right guard after missing the first three due to injury (broken right foot) ... *(vs. UVa)* ... recorded three "big blocks" with no missed assignments ... *(vs. UNC)* ... finished with three "big blocks" on the game ... *(at GT)* ... Terps' highest-graded offensive lineman *(vs. CU)* ... notched two "big blocks" on 72 plays, tied for the most by any Terp lineman ... *(at EMU)* ... finished with two "big blocks" and had no missed assignments ... *(vs. WVU)* .. started his first game of the season ... notched one "big block" with no missed assignments on 43 plays ... ***Career*** has played in 41 games, starting 40 ... injury at the start of the year broke a string of 30-straight starts ... second team All-ACC as a junior.

JAMAL CHANCE

37

CORNERBACK
6-0 • 200 • SR.-1V
EPHRATA, PA.
(EPHRATA/ LACKAWANNA JC)

Redshirt senior who was impressive in the off-season worked his way into being one of the first reserve defenders into the game for Maryland ... a starting-caliber player .. used primarily in nickel and dime situations .. athletic enough to cover and big enough to be strong in run support .. earned Iron Terp distinction for his work in the weight room in the off-season .. ***Season:*** *(at WFU)* ... earned first career start at cornerback, filling in for an injured Curome Cox .. *(vs. CU)* ... notched two solo tackles ... *(vs. WVU)* ... combined with Curome Cox on a key tackle for a loss of one yard on third down, forcing a Mountaineer punt in the second quarter ... *(at FSU)* ... had a career-high five tackles (three solo) ... *(at NIU)* ... combined with Leon Joe on a sack for four yards ... also had one TFL for seven yards ... TFL and sack were first of his career at Maryland.

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	12-1	9	5	14	2.0-7	0.5-4	0	0	0	0
Career	22-1	19	8	27	2.0-7	0.5-4	0	0	0	0

JAMAHL COCHRAN

49

LINEBACKER
6-0 • 254 • JR.-2V
MORRISTOWN, N.J.
(MORRISTOWN)

Shares time with Shawne Merriman as the starter at the "Leo" (outside linebacker) position .. strong player who excels against the run ... posted a 765-pound squat in the spring, best ever by a Maryland linebacker ***Season:*** 11th on the team with 38 tackles (25 solo) . *(at WFU)* ... recorded five tackles (three solo) ... *(vs. Duke)* ... finished with four tackles (three solo) ... combined with Randy Starks on a sack in the fourth quarter as they surrounded and collapsed the pocket on the Duke QB for a loss of six yards ... *(vs. CU)* ... recorded his first sack of the year as he caught QB Charlie Whitehurst from behind for a loss of one yard .. finished with two solo tackles ... *(at FSU)* ... finished with nine tackles (seven solo) ... had a big play in the fourth quarter, coming off of the left end to tackle the FSU tailback for no gain.

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	12-8	25	13	38	1.5-7	1.5-7	0	0	0	0
Career	36-21	71	48	119	6.5-43	4.5-33	1	2	0	0

JON CONDO

47

LINEBACKER/LONG SNAPPER
6-3 • 241 • JR.-2V
PHILIPSBURG, PA
(PHILIPSBURG-OSCEOLA)

Fourth-year player who has a stronghold on the Terps' long-snapping duties while serving as a backup at the "Leo" linebacker position ... is in his third season as a snapper since winning a wide open race for the job in 2001 .. Maryland has not had a punt blocked in his three years at the position .. has now been atop the depth chart at long snapper for 37-straight games . ***Season:*** *(at NCSU)* ... had one tackle on special teams ... *(at GT)* .. recorded one tackle ... *(vs. The Citadel)* ... had one tackle on special teams ... *(at NIU)* .. notched two solo tackles on punt coverage.

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	12-0	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Career	37-0	9	7	16	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0

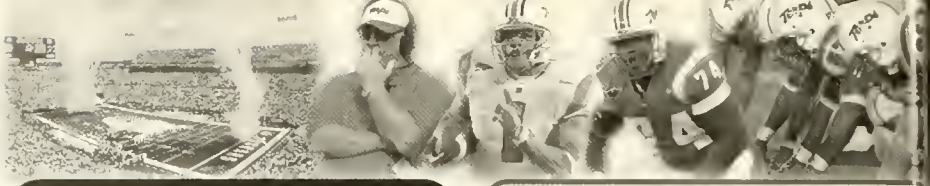
CUROME COX

30

CORNERBACK
6-0 • 197 • SR.-3V
ARLINGTON, VA.
(GONZAGA COLLEGE H.S.)

Honorable Mention All-ACC

Fifth-year senior who is a viable honors candidate a physical corner who excels in press coverage schemes ... has the ability to throw receivers off of their initial routes .. a sure tackler who is solid in run support has been an Iron Terp since his redshirt freshman season .. posted a 355-pound bench press, 570-pound squat and a 37-inch vertical jump for a 746 strength index, second-best among defensive backs .. set a team record for DBs with a 352-pound clean in the spring . ***Season:*** fourth in the ACC with 1.09 passes defended per game second on the team with 11 PBU's . ninth on the team with 37 tackles (29 solo) ... started 11 games at CB ... *(at WFU)* missed his first start in 31 games



due to a deep thigh bruise .. *(at NCSU)* ... had one solo tackle, one PBU and an interception ... interception came in the first quarter as he made a leaping, one-handed grab in the end zone ... *(vs. UVa)* ... tied a career-high with eight solo tackles ... added one PBU as he dove to knock down a pass on a hook route in the first quarter ... *(at GT)* ... finished with one interception and one PBU ... interception came late in the first quarter, as he came back on a ball, sneaking in front of the Yellow Jacket receiver for the pick ... *(vs Duke)* ... finished with four tackles (three solo) ... also had two PBUs ... one was nearly a leaping interception ... *(vs CU)* ... finished with five tackles (three solo), 1.5 TFLs, and one PBU ... one of his TFLs came in the first quarter as he drove the Clemson tailback out of bounds after hurdling a blocker ... had a key hit on a third-and-three in the third quarter as he tackled the Clemson QB on a draw play stopping him short of the first down and forcing a fourth down conversion attempt which failed ... *(at EMU)* ... *(vs. WVU)* .. finished with one unassisted tackle ... hit a Mountaineer receiver on the right side of the field, knocking the ball loose in the second quarter for his lone PBU of the game ... combined with Jamal Chance on a key tackle for a loss of one yard on third down, forcing West Virginia to punt in the second quarter .. *(vs. The Citadel)* ... broke up a pass in the end zone on a leaping effort in the third quarter ... finished with three solo tackles ... *(at FSU)* .. had seven tackles (six solo) .. recorded the Terps' ony two PBU's ... one of his PBU's came when he nailed Chauncey Stovall in mid-air forcing him to drop the ball .. streaked downfield on Adam Podlesh's 52-yard punt, to tackle Dominic Robinson for a one-yard loss **Career:** has started 44 games in his career.

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	11-11	29	8	37	3.0-5	0.0-0	0	0	11	2
Career	46-44	126	36	162	11.0-25	2.0-9	2	2	29	10

RAYMOND CUSTIS

26

FREE SAFETY
5-9 • 189 • JR.-2V
GERMANTOWN, MD.
(NORTHWEST)

A physical player who was moved from cornerback to safety prior to the 2001 season and has become a solid contributor ... sees action primarily in dime situations and on special teams .. had an outstanding off-season in the weightroom as he posted the highest strength index on the team (790) while earning Iron Terp status ... strength numbers included a 375-pound bench, 595-pound squat and a 37 1/2-inch vertical jump ... **Season:** *(at NCSU)* ... notched two solo tackles ... *(at GT)* ... had two solo tackles ... *(at FSU)* ... his lone tackle of the game (solo) came on a big play in the second quarter when he had a huge hit on Chris Rix, stopping his run short of a TD on the Terps' one-yard line.

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	12-0	6	2	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Career	34-0	16	6	22	1.0-10	1.0-10	1	0	2	1

VERNON DAVIS

87

TIGHT END
6-3 • 231 • FR.-HS
WASHINGTON, D.C.
(DUNBAR)

An outstanding physical specimen for a first-year player ... has seen time primarily on special teams ... a player to watch in the future ... can play receiver or tight end runs a reported 10.7 in the 100 meters .. **Season:** *(vs. UNC)* took a sideline pass from Joel Statham for an 11-yard gain in the fourth quarter .. reception was his longest of the season .. *(at EMU)* .. first career game with multiple receptions (two) ... second career-reception was good for a first down, keeping the Terps' first scoring drive alive ... narrowly missed first career punt block as he nearly got a piece of one in the first quarter .. had a 10-yard reception in the fourth quarter had two solo tackles on special teams ... *(vs. WVU)* his lone tackle of the game came on a big hit on special teams during the second quarter, forcing the Mountaineers' drive to begin at their own 18-yard line ... *(at FSU)* ... had his first career reception, which came on a one-yard pass from Orlando Evans in the fourth quarter also recorded his first career tackle (solo) on special teams ... *(at NIU)* ... saw action on punt and kick coverage teams in his first career action as a Terp the lone true freshman to play in game one

Statistics

Receiving	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	12-0	4	31	7.8	0	11

RICARDO DICKERSON

5

LINEBACKER
6-1 • 243 • SO.-1V
HYATTSVILLE, MD.
(NORTHWESTERN)

Player in his third year at Maryland who has played bot linebacker and fullback in 2003 ... spent the spring at fu back in an attempt to solidify a position which had its dept weakened by the departure of Chad Killian and James Lync ... hard-nosed player who has dramatically improved his siz and strength since enrolling at Maryland .. has good instinc and likes to hit ... an Iron Terp with a 375-pound bench an 555-pound squat ... **Season:** has played on both offens and defense during the same game against Eastern Mich gan, West Virginia, and The Citadel ... *(at NCSU)* ... forced fumble on the last play of the game, a huge hit on T A McLendon that jarred the ball loose ... *(vs. Duke)* ... recorde his first two tackles of the season (one solo).

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	11-0	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0	0	0
Career	22-0	10	11	21	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0	1	0

JEFF DUGAN

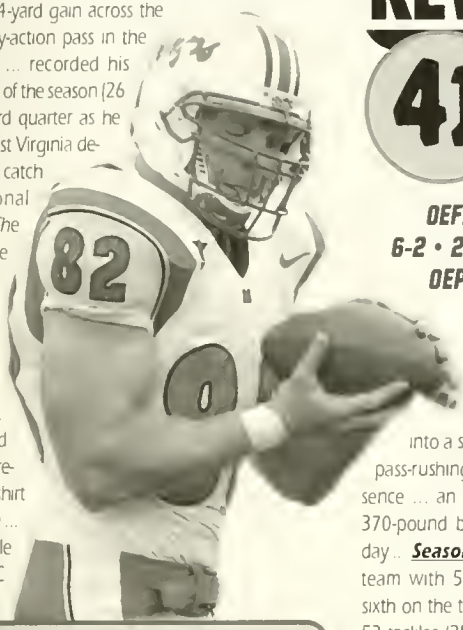
82

TIGHT END
6-5 • 258 • SR.-3V
ALLISON PARK, PA.
(CENTRAL CATHOLIC)

Second-Team All-ACC

A talented tight end who enters his fourth and final season a starter . described by his coaches as the best blocking tig end in the conference but has been more of a factor as a re ceiver this year has ideal tight-end size big, strong, phy cal player with good hands strongest tight end on the tea benched 350 and squatted 540 in spring testing **Se son:** Terps' starting tight end lone non-start was due formation Maryland used to open the game . fifth on th team with 14 receptions ... *(at WFU)* . had the key bloc sealing off a defender, to spring Bruce Perry for an 18-yard ru in the second quarter *(vs. UVa)* finished with three rece tions totaling 40 yards longest reception of the game cam

n a 20-yard play-action pass from Scott McBrien in the first uarter as he spun around in the middle of the field to make he grab ... had six "big blocks" ... *(vs. UNC)* ... made a 17-yard atch on a crossing route with the pass coming from Scott cBrien in the first quarter ... *(at GT)* ... had one reception for 7 yards ... added three "big blocks"... *(vs. WVU)* ... recorded he most receptions (three) and the most receiving yards (50) n a game since posting a career-high five for 91 yards against Middle Tennessee State as a freshman in 2000 ... made a leap-ng grab for a 14-yard gain across the middle on a play-action pass in the econd quarter ... recorded his ongest reception of the season (26 ards) in the third quarter as he dragged two West Virginia de-enders after the catch o gain additonal ardage ... *(vs. The itadel)* ... made is first two re-eptions of the eason for a to-al of 22 yards .. ***areer:*** has 45 areer starts .. inished second n the team in re-eptions as a redshirt reshman in 2000 ... arned honorable ention All-ACC onors in 2001.



Statistics

Receiving	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	12-11	14	175	12.5	0	26
Career	48-45	55	649	11.8	3	47

ERIC DUMAS

75

OFFENSIVE TACKLE
6-6 • 301 • SR.-3V
ATLANTA, GA.
(BENJAMIN MAYS)

he starter at right tackle, protecting Scott McBrien's blind ide .. an athletic player for his size with long arms and good eet in his second season as the starter .. posted an im-ressive 34-inch vertical jump on testing day . has 14.2 ercent body fat – lowest among offensive line regulars — n a 314-pound frame .. ***Season:*** started all 12 games this eason at right tackle . *(at WFU)* ... had the key block on Bruce Perry's 49-yard touchdown run in the third quarter as he angles his man to the middle of the field, creating a hole n the right side for him to run through ... *(vs. UVa)* ... re-orded two "big blocks" ... had the key block on Josh Allen's ne-yard touchdown run in the second quarter ... *(at GT)* .. had the key block on Bruce Perry's 19-yard run in the second uarter ... *(vs. Duke)* ... had the key block on Bruce Perry's ouchdown run in the third quarter ... notched one "big block" *(at EMU)* . Terps' highest-graded lineman recorded a season-high three "big blocks" with no missed assignments on 54 plays . *(vs. WVU)* ... Terps' second-highest graded offensive lineman recorded one "big block" on 62 plays

Career: was switched from defensive line to the offensive line during fall of 1999

KEVIN ELI

41

DEFENSIVE END
6-2 • 272 • JR.-1V
DEPTFORD, N.J.
(DEPTFORD)

Second-Team All-ACC

Fourth-year junior who has worked his way into a starting role this year .. has been an impressive pass-rushing force in Scott Smith's absence ... an Iron Terp ... registered a 370-pound bench press on testing day .. ***Season:*** third on the team with 5.5 sacks ... sixth on the team with 53 tackles (25 solo) . tied for second on the team with Shawne Merriman with 12 QB hurries ... injured ribs vs. Wake Forest ... *(at NCSU)* ... had a strong game with a career-high tying eight tackles (four solo) along with two QB hurries ... *(vs. UNC)* ... had three tackles (two solo), 1.5 TFL of six yards and a half sack .. combined with Shawne Merriman on as they collapsed on the pocket and sacked the Carolina quarterback for a loss of two yards *(at GT)* notched seven tackles (four solo) and had one sack ... had 1.5 tackles for a loss of 10 yards ... came around the left side and caught a Georgia Tech tailback from behind for a loss of one yard in the first quarter ... *(vs. Duke)* ... had eight tackles (two solo) ... one of his two QB hurries came in the first quarter when he hit the Duke quarterback as he released the ball, forcing an incompletion .. his lone TFL came in the third quarter as he broke free of his blocker to tackle Chris Douglass for a loss of one yard ... *(vs. CU)* .. had a big hit in the third quarter as he powered off his blocker to tackle the Tiger tailback for no gain one of his three QB hurries came in the fourth quarter when he rushed the Clemson quarterback in the end zone, forcing him to throw the ball away ... finished with five tackles (two solo) for the third consecutive game ... *(vs. WVU)* very impressive in his first career start .. finished with five tackles (three solo) ... led the Terps with three tackles for losses totaling 15 yards also led Maryland with two sacks for 14 yards . fought off a block to sack the Rasheed Marshall in the first quarter ... his other sack came in the third quarter when he showed speed by pursuing the QB from behind had a key tackle for a loss of one yard on third down, forcing West Virginia to punt in the third quarter *(at NIU)* finished with three tackles (one solo) .. also had a key sack called back due to penalty that could have altered the landscape of the game by forcing a third down and long instead of a first down for NIU

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	12-9	25	28	53	11.0-58	5.5-50	0	0	1	0
Career	16-9	31	29	60	13.0-62	5.5-50	0	0	1	0

ORLANDO EVANS

11

QUARTERBACK
6-0 • 193 • SR.-1V
STOCKTON, CALIF.
(BROOKSIDE CHRISTIAN/CCSF)

Senior quarterback who transferred to Maryland after a strong year at the junior college level in California in 2001 . earned the backup spot at QB with a strong preseason camp playing experience and intelligence had him holding onto the No. 2 quarterback spot in the spring . has completely recovered from a knee injury suffered a year ago .. ***Season:*** *(at EMU)* .. saw action in the fourth quarter ... completed both of his passing attempts in the game for a total of 16 yards ... *(vs. The Citadel)* ... went 4-of-6 for a career-high 70 yards ... had his first career touchdown at Maryland on a career-long 62 yard pass Derrick Fenner .. *(at FSU)* ... came into the game with 10:22 left in the fourth quarter ... finished 7-of-12 for 57 yards connected with Rich Parson across the middle for a 23-yard gain late in the game . ***Career:*** began his collegiate career at the University of Oregon.

Statistics

Passing	G-GS	Att.	Comp	Int	Yds.	Pct.	TD	LP
2003	5-0	21	14	0	161	66.7	1	62
Career	6-0	22	14	0	161	.636	1	62

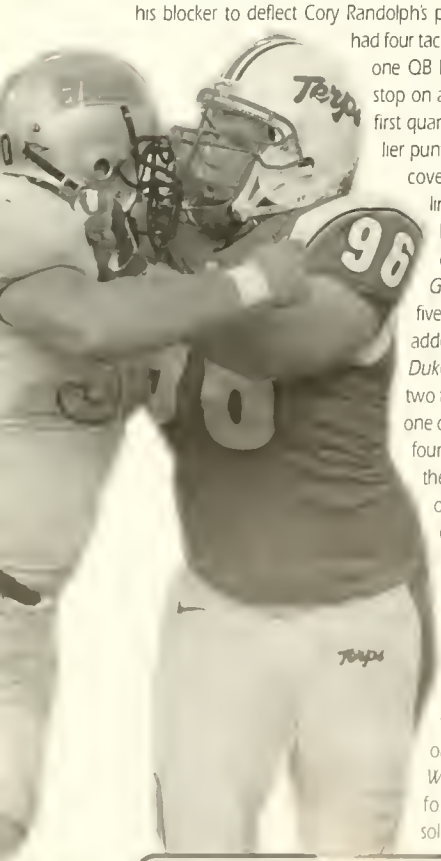
Rushing	G-GS	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg.	TD	LP
2003	5-0	6	6	40	-34	-5.7	0	6
Career	6-0	8	21	40	-19	-2.4	0	9

C.J. FELDHEIM

96

NOSE TACKLE
6-3 • 287 • SR.-3V
HEREFORD, MD.
(HEREFORD)

Senior who has successfully returned from a torn ACL suffered in game eight of last year ... had made the shift from defensive tackle to nose tackle and was having his finest year as a Terp before the injury ... has improved with each season at the collegiate level ... an intelligent player who showed a good mix of run-stopping and pass-rushing skills in his first year at tackle ... most experienced player on the defensive line ... has added 52 pounds since arriving as a true freshman (was 235 at the time of his arrival) ... earned Iron Terp status a year ago but did not complete testing in spring '02 due to injury .. was able, however, to post a 385-pound bench ... ***Season:*** has started all 12 games at nose tackle . *(at WFU)* ... finished with one solo tackle and one PBU ... had a key stop on a third-and-three in the second quarter, as he limited Chris Barclay to a one-yard run, forcing a Demon Deacon punt ... PBU came in the third quarter as he jumped over his blocker to deflect Cory Randolph's pass ... *(vs. UVa)* ... had four tackles (three solo) and one QB hurry ... had a key stop on a third down in the first quarter to force a Cavalier punt ... *(vs. UNC)* ... recovered a North Carolina fumble caused by Leon Joe in the second quarter ... *(at GT)* ... finished with five tackles (two solo) ... added one PBU ... *(vs. Duke)* ... finished with two tackles (one solo) .. one of his hits came on a fourth down, stopping the Duke tailback short of a first down, and causing a turnover on downs ... *(at EMU)* .. had five tackles (four solo) .. tackles came at key times throughout the game as four of them came on third downs .. *(vs. WVU)* finished with four tackles (three solo)

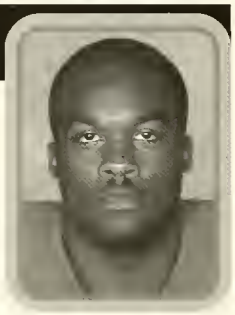


Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	12-12	18	21	39	[illegible]	1-[illegible]	0	1	2	0
Career	35-31	60	57	117	12.5-50	6.5-34	0	1	3	0

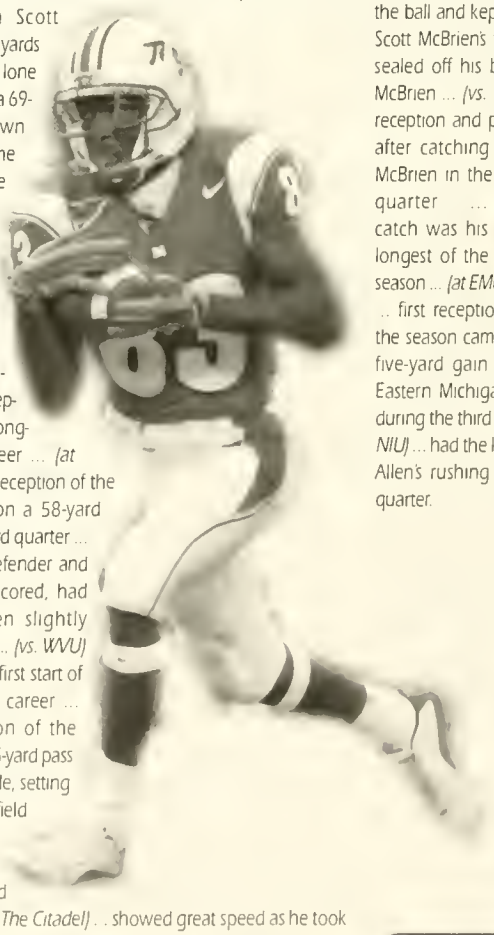
DERRICK FENNER

83



WIDE RECEIVER
6-0 • 185 • SO.-1V
HAMPTON, VA.
(HAMPTON)

Third-year receiver who has earned increased playing time with each season ... hard-working player with good quickness who coaches feel is on his way to developing into a strong collegiate receiver ... can also return punts and kicks ... has good speed and a 36"-inch vertical jump . ***Season:*** fourth on the team in receiving yards with 298 ... missed the last three games after having an appendectomy ... status for bowl game is uncertain ... *(vs. UNC)* ... tied a career-high with two receptions for 64 yards ... showed his big-play ability as he beat his defender downfield in the first quarter to take a pass from Scott McBrien for 55 yards ... *(vs. CU)* ... lone reception was a 69-yard touchdown where he came back on the field and made the catch after initially being forced out of bounds by the Clemson defender ... reception was the longest of his career ... *(at EMU)* ... lone reception of the game came on a 58-yard gain in the third quarter ... got behind defender and would have scored, had ball not been slightly underthrown ... *(vs. WVU)* .. earned the first start of his collegiate career ... only reception of the game was a 15-yard pass up the right side, setting up a 32-yard field goal by Novak to end the second quarter ... *(vs. The Citadel)* .. showed great speed as he took a pass from Orlando Evans 62 yards up the middle for a touchdown on his only reception of the night . *(at FSU)* ... one of only two Terps with multiple receptions in the game



Statistics

Receiving	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	9-1	10	298	29.8	2	69
Career	17-1	11	306	27.8	3	69

BERNIE FIDDLER

44

FULLBACK
6-1 • 244 • SR.-2V
SWEDESBORO, N.J.
(KINGSWAY)

A good athlete who began last season with the possibility of playing on either side of the ball (fullback or linebacker) but now firmly entrenched atop the depth chart at fullback . solid in every aspect as a fullback ... a strong isolation block who also has good pass-catching skills ... an Iron Terp with 65B strength index and 525-pound squat ... ***Season:*** *(at WFU* ... had the key block on Bruce Perry's two-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter as he hurdeled one defender in order to put a block on another ... *(at NCSU)* ... made a nice grab on a seven-yard pass from Scott McBrien as he leapt for the ball and kept his feet in bounds ... had the key block on Scott McBrien's touchdown run in the fourth quarter as he sealed off his block to create a lane for McBrien ... *(vs. UVa)* ... made an 11-yard reception and plowed over a defender after catching a slant pass from McBrien in the first quarter ... catch was his longest of the season ... *(at EMU)* .. first reception of the season came on a five-yard gain deep in Eastern Michigan territory during the third quarter ... *(at NIU)* ... had the key block on Josh Allen's rushing TD in the first quarter.

Statistics

Rushing	G-GS	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg.	TD	Lg
2003	11-10	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	[illegible]
Career	42-10	11	34	0	34	3.1	0	[illegible]

Receiving	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	11-10	5	35	7.0	0	11
Career	42-10	6	47	7.8	0	12

DOMONIQUE FOXWORTH

6

CORNERBACK
5-11 • 177 • JR.-2V
RANDALLSTOWN, MD.
(WESTERN TECH)

Second-Team All-ACC

Athletic defensive back who starts at the field cornerback position ... a heady player who runs well and always seems to be in position to make a play . . has one of the best work ethics on the team ... one of nine Iron Terps in the Maryland defensive backfield ... posted a 38 1/2-inch vertical jump and 300-pound bench in spring testing .. ***Season:*** tied for fourth in the ACC and the team lead with three interceptions along with Madieu Williams ... started all 12 games at CB ... *(vs. UVa)* ... recorded two solo tackles with one PBU ... made a leaping play in the middle of the field to knock down a pass in the third quarter ... *(vs. UNC)* ... had a good game with five solo tackles, one PBU and one interception ... interception came in the second quarter as he made a leaping grab after breaking off his coverage ... had a return of 20 yards on the play ... *(vs. CU)* ... finished with two solo tackles and two PBUs ... made a diving effort to deflect a pass on third-and-eight in the second quarter, forcing a Tiger punt ... second PBU of the game came on a key fourth-and-one situation in the third quarter when he hit the Tiger receiver as soon as he touched the ball, knocking the ball loose and forcing a turnover on downs ... *(at EMU)* ... finished with three tackles (two solo) ... added one PBU ... had the Terps' lone interception of the game, his second on the season ... interception came on a third-and-one, when he stepped in front of the receiver on a quick out and took it 44 yards for a touchdown ... *(vs. The Citadel)* ... deflected a pass on a third down in the second quarter, forcing a Bulldog punt ... recorded one assisted tackle ... was the team's highest-graded defensive back . . *(at FSU)* ... recorded a career-high nine tackles (all solo) ... chased down P.K. Sam from the opposite side of the field to save a TD in the second quarter ... hit an FSU receiver just as he caught the ball in the third quarter, keeping the play to a two-yard gain ... *(at NIU)* . had the Terps' lone interception of the game, a diving effort in the fourth quarter . added three tackles (two solo) ... ***Career:*** led the conference in passes defensed as a sophomore, earning first team All-ACC recognition.

Statistics

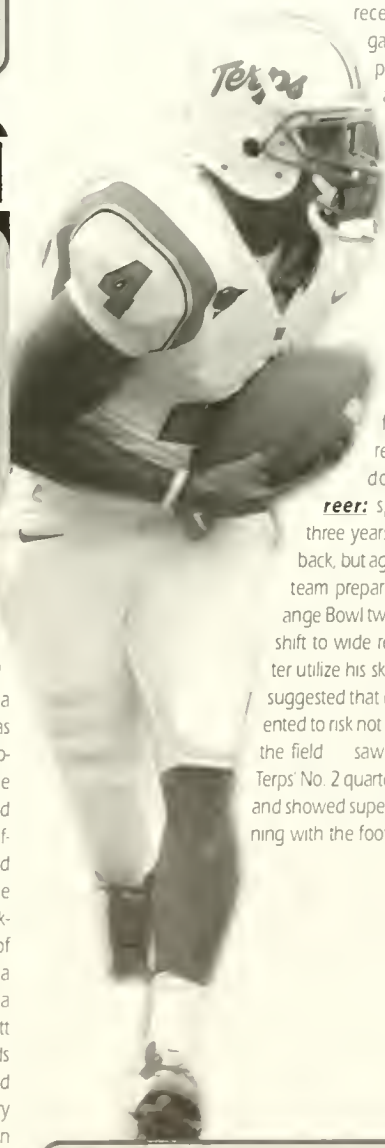
Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	12-12	35	6	41	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	6	3
Career	**28-28**	**89**	**14**	**103**	**1.0-3**	**0.0-0**	**0**	**3**	**25**	**8**

LATREZ HARRISON

4

WIDE RECEIVER
6-2 • 223 • SR.-3V
ATLANTA, GA.
(BOOKER T. WASHINGTON)

Senior with a great combination of size and athleticism . transition to receiver was relatively easy as his grasp of the offense was from a quarterback's perspective . . posted a 365-pound bench and 36 "-inch vertical jump in the spring ... an excellent blocking receiver . ***Season:*** tied for 10th all-time at Maryland for receiving touchdowns in a season with six .. leads the team in receptions with 34 as well as receiving yards with 553 ... *(at WFU)* ... only reception of the game was an 18-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter ... made a nice play as he broke a tackle and powered past two more defenders to reach the endzone after catching the pass on a short hook route ... *(vs. UVa)* led the Terps with four receptions totaling 63 yards, and one touchdown ... made a great play in the fourth quarter, taking a short slant pass, spinning off a tackle near the line of scrimmage and then racing down the right sideline for a gain of 45 yards .. touchdown came in the first quarter on a hook route for 11 yards on a well-timed pass from Scott McBrien ... *(vs. UNC)* .. recorded four receptions for 54 yards including two touchdowns ... became first player to record two touchdown receptions in a game since Guilian Gary scored three against Georgia Tech in 2000 .. first touchdown came in the second quarter on a flag pass to the left corner of the end zone from McBrien for 14 yards . second touchdown came in the third quarter as he caught a 16-yard pass from McBrien on a slant route ... *(vs. Duke)* . finished with four receptions totaling 88 yards ... had his longest reception of the season, 49 yards, in the first quarter showing great speed to get downfield on the deep-out from McBrien on the very next play, he recorded his second touchdown reception of the season *(vs. CU)* led the Terps' with four catches for 39 yards despite leaving the game in the third quarter with a slight concussion .. longest reception of the night, 13 yards, came on third-and-nine and resulted in a first down to keep the Terps' second scoring drive alive *(vs. WVU)* ... had four receptions for 88 yards . scored his first touchdown of the season on an inside post route, knocking one Mountaineer aside on his way to the 25-yard gain had a 34-yard reception in the first quarter, setting up Bruce Perry's first touchdown run of the night displayed his blocking skills by recording four "big blocks" . *(vs. The Citadel)* led the Terps with four receptions totaling 51 yards . made a great play in the second quarter by coming back to the ball to make a reception that otherwise could have been intercepted ... *(at FSU)* ... took five snaps at QB in the wingbone formation . completed a six-yard screen pass to Derrick Fenner on his only passing attempt of the game his lone reception of the game came on a play-action pass across the middle from Scott McBrien for a gain of 14 yards *(at NIU)* ... led the Terps with four receptions totaling 48 yards . three of his four receptions resulted in first downs . ***Career:*** spent his first three years as a quarterback, but agreed while the team prepared for the Orange Bowl two years ago to shift to wide receiver to better utilize his skills coaches suggested that he was too talented to risk not having him on the field saw action as the Terps' No. 2 quarterback in 2001 and showed superior talent running with the football



Statistics

Receiving	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	12-11	38	553	14.6	6	49
Career	**36-21**	**58**	**922**	**15.9**	**8**	**69**

ANDREW HENLEY

51

LINEBACKER
6-0 • 240 • SR.-2V
RIVEROALE, MO.
(OEMATHA)

An athletic senior who is one of the most versatile members of the Terp linebacking corps ... can see action at the "Will" or "Mike" linebacker spot ... an intelligent, coachable player who is an integral part of the Maryland special teams ... posted the highest strength index (743) of any Maryland linebacker this off-season ... Iron Terp with a 370-pound bench and 650-pound squat .. ***Season:*** *(at WFU)* ... had three solo tackles and a PBU ... jumped to tip a pass in the third quarter which was then intercepted by D'Qwell Jackson .. PBU was the first of his career ... *(vs. UVa)* ... finished with three tackles (two solo) ... stuffed an end-around in the second quarter for no gain ... *(vs. UNC)* ... finished with two tackles (one solo) ... recovered a fumble on punt coverage after Adam Podlesh's punt hit a Tar Heel player in the back ... *(vs. WVU)* ... recorded two solo tackles ... had a crushing hit on Charles Hales to stop him short of a first down on a QB draw during the fourth quarter .. ***Career:*** played just one year of organized football before deciding to walk on at Maryland in the fall of 2000.

Statistics

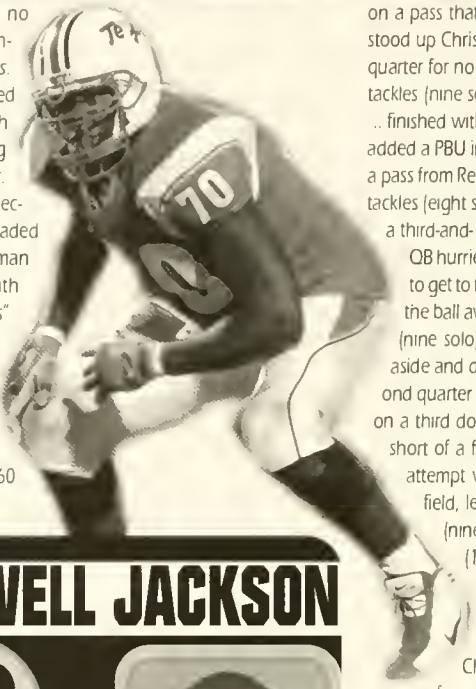
Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	12-0	16	7	23	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	1	0
Career	35-2	48	18	66	1.5-3	0.5-1	0	1	1	0

STEPHON HEYER

70

OFFENSIVE TACKLE
6-6 • 295 • SO.-1V
LAWRENCEVILLE, GA.
(BROOKWOOD)

Second-year tackle who saw significant action as a true freshman and spent all of 2003 as the starter at left tackle .. was originally slated to redshirt a year ago, but showed great footwork and maturity in his first fall camp .. wears a size-22 sneaker off the field but likes to squeeze into an 18 cleat on game days strength numbers include a 375-pound bench and a 540-pound squat name is pronounced *STEFF-ahn HIGH-err* ***Season:*** started all 12 games at left tackle this season *(vs. UVa)* finished with three "big blocks" on a team-high 69 offensive plays *(vs. UNC)* Terps highest-graded offensive lineman tied for the team lead among linemen with four "big blocks" *(at GT)* notched one "big block" with no missed assignments ... *(vs. Duke)* ... recorded a team-high three "big blocks" ... *(vs. CU)* ... Terps' second highest-graded offensive lineman .. finished with two "big blocks" and no missed assignments on 70 plays ... *(vs. WVU)* ... recorded two "big blocks" on 60 plays.



D'QWELL JACKSON

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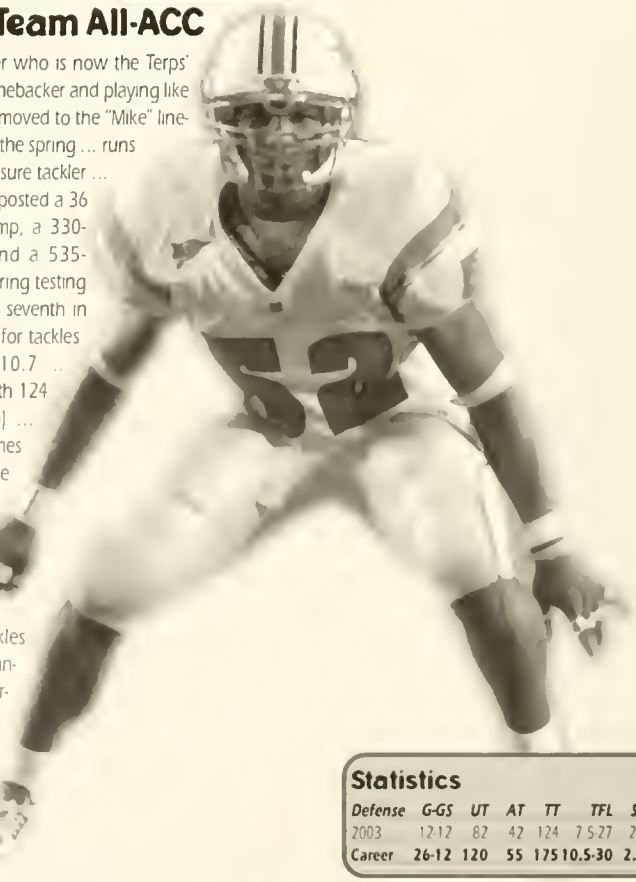
LINEBACKER
6-1 • 224 • SO.-1V
LARGO, FLA.
(SEMINOLE)

Second-Team All-ACC

Second-year player who is now the Terps' starter at middle linebacker and playing like a budding star ... moved to the "Mike" linebacker position in the spring ... runs well and is a very sure tackler ... an Iron Terp who posted a 36"-inch vertical jump, a 330-pound bench and a 535-pound squat in spring testing ***Season:*** listed seventh in the ACC rankings for tackles per game with 10.7 .. leads the team with 124 tackles (82 solo) ... started all 12 games at MLB . has one of the team's three blocked kicks on the season ... *(at WFU)* ... recorded eight tackles (six solo) and an interception . interception came in the third quarter as he made a leaping grab on a pass that was tipped in the air by Andrew Henley .. stood up Chris Barclay on a run to the right side in the first quarter for no gain ... *(at NCSU)* ... had a big game with 1 tackles (nine solo), including one tackle for a loss ... *(at GT* .. finished with 13 tackles (seven solo) and one QB hurry .. added a PBU in the second quarter as he nearly intercepte a pass from Reggie Ball ... *(vs. Duke)* ... led the Terps with 1 tackles (eight solo) ... combined with Leon Joe for a sack o a third-and-11, forcing a Duke punt ... on one of his two QB hurries, he broke straight through the offensive line to get to the Blue Devil quarterback forcing him to throw the ball away ... *(vs. CU)* ... led the Terps with 10 tackle (nine solo), a sack and half a TFL ... threw his blocke aside and downed the Clemson QB for a sack in the second quarter ... showed his great speed in the third quarte on a third down as he caught the Tiger QB stopping hi short of a first down, forcing a fourth-down conversio attempt which failed ... *(at EMU)* ... was all over th field, leading the Terps with a career-high 16 tackle (nine solo) ... *(vs. WVU)* ... finished with 12 tackle (10 solo) ... caught Rasheed Marshall from be hind for a loss of six yards on his first care sack ... *(at FSU)* ... had a career game posted the first interception of his career o Chris Rix's first pass of the game and returned for a touchdown, running over two FSU players o his way to the end zone ... finished second on the team wit 11 tackles (five solo) ... forced a fumble ... came flying throug the right end of the offensive line to block a 28-yard fiel goal attempt in the first quarter ... stopped a Chris Rix Q sneak on third and one, forcing the Seminoles to punt ... *(NIU)* ... led the Terps with fifteen tackles (eight solo) in h debut as a starter ... tied for a team lead with three QB hu ries ... added one tackle for a loss of two yards.



Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int
2003	12-12	82	42	124	7.5-27	2.5-17	1	0	2	
Career	26-12	120	55	175	10.5-30	2.5-17	3	0	2	

LEON JOE

32

LINEBACKER
6-1 • 232 • SR.-3V
CLINTON, MD.
(FRIENOLY)

n athletic linebacker who has been one of the more under-ted players on the Maryland roster the last few years ... on e "watch list" for the Butkus Award at the start of the sea-n. . a sideline-to-sideline player from his "Will" linebacker po-tion .. an Iron Terp who is the strongest linebacker on the am and posted the highest strength index ever by a Terp nebacker (785) in 2002 ... also owns the record for bench ress (475 pounds) and vertical jump (41 inches) by a Terp nebacker ... incredible physical numbers include a 615-pound quat, a 363-pound clean and a 4.43 time in the 40-yard dash . ***Season:*** second on the team with 103 tackles (62 solo) ... arted all 12 games at WLB ... *(at WFU)* ... had a strong game ith nine tackles (eight solo) ... *(at NCSU)* ... finished with ght tackles (three solo), including one tackle for a loss of ree yards ... TFL came in the first uarter as he caught T.A. McLendon n a run to the outside, wrapping m up for a loss of three yards on e play ... *(vs. UNC)* ... had five ckles (three solo) and rced one fumble ... mble came in the econd quarter as e put a blistering t on a Tar Heel re-iver after he made reception ... *(at GT)* . had a great ame, tying a ca-er-high and ading the Terps ith 14 tackles ine solo) ... so had one B hurry ... *(vs. uke)* ... finished with ne tackles (seven lo) ... combined ith D'Qwell Jack-n for a sack on ird-and-11, forc-g a Duke punt ... s. *CU)* ... recorded e second intercep-n of his career with seconds left in the ame, and returned for 23 yards ... ilized his eed as he ught a Ti-r defender on an end-around to stop him for no gain in the first quarter ... finished with eight tackles (five solo) and a half TFL of one yard ... *(at EMU)* ... second on the team with 10 tackles (five solo) ... *(vs. WVU)* ... finished with seven tackles (two solo) .. showed good athleticism in pursuit of Quincy Wilson, tackling him for no gain in the third quarter ... *(at FSU)* . led the Terps' defense with 12 tackles (seven solo) ... showed his speed when chasing down Chris Rix for a solo tackle, limiting him to a one-yard gain on the first play of the second quarter . *(at NIU)* ... finished second on the team with a career-high fourteen tackles (seven solo) ... combined with Jamal Chance on a sack for four yards ... had the Terps' lone pass break up of the game ***Career:*** started his 36th career game ... leading returning tackler from 2001 ... ninth-leading tackler among ACC returnees from 2002

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	12-12	62	41	103	3.5-13	1.0-8	1	0	1	1
Career	47-36	193	120	313	20.5-53	3.0-23	1	0	5	2

CHRIS KELLEY

2

STRONG SAFETY
6-2 • 210 • JR.-1V
GERMANTOWN, MD.
(SENECA VALLEY)

Former quarterback who has moved to strong safety to better utilize his skills in 2003 ... also seeing time with the first unit on kick coverage teams ... a hard-nosed competitor who has seen limited action in nickel and dime situations ... one of the more highly-recruited players on the roster ... showed a nose for the ball and good hitting ability in his first offseason at defensive back . ***Season:*** has been used primarily on special teams this season ... *(at NCSU)* ... recorded two tackles (one solo) on special teams ... *(vs. CU)* ... raced down the sideline to hit the Tiger kick-returner at Clemson's own 15-yard line on his only tackle of the game .. *(vs. The Citadel)* ... finished with three solo tackles ... recorded his first career PBU in the third quarter .. *(at FSU)* ... recorded the first two tackles (one solo) of his career ... had a key block on special teams to spring Steve Suter for his longest kick-return of the night in the second quarter ***Career:*** was slowed by injury in each of his first three years at the collegiate level but recovered quickly from a knee injury to see action at QB last year .. tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee prior to last year's spring game ... tore the ACL in his left knee after high school and then again prior to fall camp in 2001

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	12-0	6	2	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0
Career	25-0	6	2	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0

WILLIAM KERSHAW

48

LINEBACKER
6-3 • 233 • SO.-1V
RAEFORD, N.C.
(HOKE COUNTY)

True sophomore who was one of eight true freshmen to see playing time a year ago ... started spring at middle linebacker but switched back to strong side where he serves as a backup to Leroy Ambush .. has put on 27 pounds since the start of his freshman season .. ***Season:*** *(at NCSU)* ... recorded two solo tackles on special teams hit the Wolfpack returner on a kickoff late in the fourth quarter on NC State's own three-yard line, where they would be forced to start their final drive of the game ... *(at EMU)* ... finished with a season-high six tackles (three solo) ... had his first career TFL for a loss of one yard ... *(vs. WVU)* .. recorded four tackles (three solo) had a big hit on Quincy Wilson in the fourth quarter, limiting him to a gain of just two yards on the play ... *(at NIU)* .. forced an incomplete pass on a third down in the first quarter by hitting the NIU quarterback as he released the ball.

Statistics

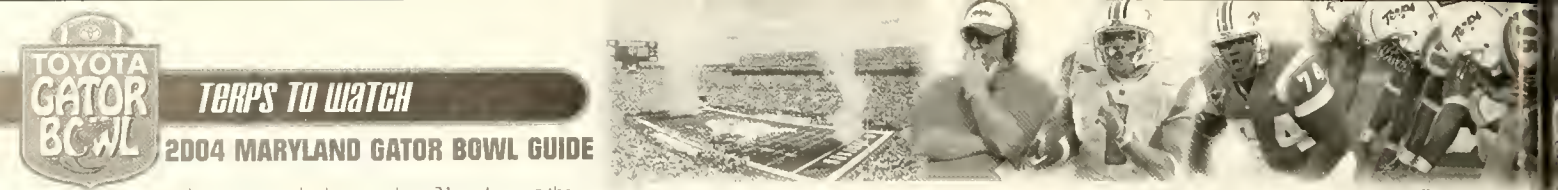
Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	10-0	17	6	23	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
Career	20-0	33	19	52	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0

SAMMY MALDONADO

29

TAILBACK
6-1 • 233 • JR.-RS
HARRISON, N.Y.
(HARRISON/OHIO STATE)

Tailback in his second year at Maryland . redshirted last year after transferring from Ohio State prior to the season .. has found a home at tailback after splitting time between there and fullback a year ago ... a bruising runner with quick feet .. an Iron Terp who posted the highest strength index (692) among Maryland running backs in the spring strength numbers include a 325-pound bench press and a 550-pound squat . is from the same hometown as Ralph Friedgen ***Season:*** Will not return this season after suffering an ACL injury in the North Carolina game ... Terps' third-leading rusher with 305 yards .. averaged 6.0 yards per carry, the most by any Terrapin tailback ... *(vs. UNC)* ... rushed for 43 yards on five attempts before leaving the game at the end of the first



quarter due to injury . had a career-long 31 yard run up the left side in the first quarter after breaking a tackle near the line of scrimmage ... *(at GT)* ... gained 33 yards on just three rushing attempts ... had a 26-yard run in the fourth quarter as he bulled his way up the middle of the field through defenders ... *(vs. Duke)* ... had 15 yards on five rushing attempts ... recorded his third rushing touchdown of the season in the third quarter as he broke one tackle and stretched across the goal line on a five-yard play ... *(vs. WVU)* ... led the Terps with a career-high 88 yards on just 13 rushing attempts ... *(vs. The Citadel)* ... went for 66 yards on 12 rushing attempts ... plowed over two defenders on a seven-yard run in the first quarter for his first touchdown as a Terp ... powered his way through the middle on a three-yard run, giving him a career high in touchdowns in a single game ... added his first career reception as a Terp on a 16-yard screen pass in the second quarter ... *(at NIU)* ... gained 19 yards on four rushing attempts in his first career action as a Terp . ***Career:*** rushed for 218 yards on 61 career carries with one TD at Ohio State.

Statistics

Rushing	G-GS	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg.	TD	LP
2003 (MD)	7-0	51	306	1	305	6.0	3	31
Career	**21-0**	**112**	**534**	**11**	**523**	**4.7**	**4**	**31**

Receiving	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003 (MD)	7-0	1	16	16.0	0	16
Career	***21-0***	***1***	***16***	***16.0***	***0***	***16***

note: career numbers include statistics from Ohio State

SCOTT McBRIEN

7

QUARTERBACK
6-1 • 182 • SR.-1V
ROCKVILLE, MD.
(DEMATHA/
WEST VIRGINIA)

Southpaw quarterback who transferred from West Virginia just before the start of the 2[illegible] season and is a key cog in the Terp offense the first quarterback since Friedgen's arrival to return after a full season as a starter has a strong arm . throws the out and deep ball well ... has good quickness and makes good decisions on when to pull it down and run with the ball .. turned what was once a question mark – his ability to effectively run the option – into a strength by the end of his junior season ... body fat was measured at a team-low 2.2 percent in the spring ... is surprisingly strong ... posted a 285-pound bench and 440-pound squat on testing day .. ***Season:*** fifth in the ACC with a passing efficiency of 137.1 ... sixth in the ACC for passing yards per game with 190.9 and total offense per game with 213.6 ... has passed for a career-high 16 touchdowns this season ... *(at WFU)* ... went 12-of-22 for 198 yards and three touchdowns ... first touchdown came as he hit Latrez Harrison for 18 yards in the first quarter ... showed pinpoint accuracy on his second touchdown pass as he found Dan Melendez in the corner of the endzone for 14 yards in the second quarter ... third touchdown of the game was a 28-yard pass to Jafar Williams in the third quarter ... he then hit Bruce Perry on a screen pass on a successful two-point conversion ... *(at NCSU)* ... finished 17-of-37 with two touchdowns and one interception ... led the Terps to 16 points in the game's final seven minutes ... added 16 yards rushing with one touchdown ... rushing touchdown came as he kept the ball on an option to the left side to put the Terps within one point with 2:29 left in the game ... showed his arm strength as he gunned a pass by a nearby defender to Jo Jo Walker for a touchdown in the fourth quarter ... *(vs. UVa)* ... went 14-of-21 for 191 yards with no interceptions and one touchdown .. touchdown pass to Latrez Harrison moved him in a tie for third all-time at Maryland with 26 career touchdown passes . *(vs. UNC)* ... threw for a career-high 349 yards, going 15-of-25 with no interceptions and four touchdowns ... his career-high four touchdowns tied him for sixth all-time at Maryland for passing touchdowns in a single game . . added two more touchdowns and 24 yards on eight rushing attempts ... 349 passing yards was the most by any Terp since Scott Milanovich had 380 against Florida State in 1995 ... longest touchdown pass of the game went to Jo Jo Walker for 67 yards in the second quarter as he hit Walker on a slant route across the middle of the field . *(vs. Duke)* ... finished 18-of-32 for 232 yards with one touchdown and one interception .. his 18 completions were a career-high, exceeding the 17 he had against Wake Forest in 2002 . *(vs. CU)* finished 14-of-27 for 204 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions third TD of the game came in the third quarter as he threw the ball with pinpoint accuracy through two Tiger defenders to hit Derrick Fenner for a season-long 69 yards ... *(at EMU)* ... finished 14-of-19 for 252 yards with one passing touchdown ... scored his second rushing touchdown of the season on an option keeper for nine yards in the fourth quarter ... *(vs. WVU)* ... had another strong performance against his former team ... finished 14-of-25 for 220 yards with one interception and his first passing touchdown of the season ... connected with Latrez Harrison on an inside post route for a 25-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter ... added a run for 11 yards at the end of the first quarter, in which he hurdled over a West Virginia defender on his way to a first down .. had a season-long run of 43 yards in the second quarter as he saw a hole in the middle of the field and took advantage of it . *(vs. The Citadel)* ... had a solid night, finishing 12-of-20 for 178 yards despite seeing action in just the first half ... scored his first rushing touchdown of the season on a QB sneak in the second quarter ... ***Career*** ranks third all-time at Maryland for career passing-touchdowns with 31 ... began his collegiate career at West Virginia University.

Statistics

Passing	G-GS	Att.	Comp	Int	Yds.	Pct.	TD	LP
2003	12-12	281	152	6	2,291	541	16	69
MD Totals	**26-26**	**565**	**314**	**16**	**4,788**	**.556**	**31**	**91**
Career	**36-27**	**664**	**356**	**19**	**5,543**	**.536**	**34**	**91**

Rushing	G-GS	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg.	TD	LP
2003	12-12	74	366	91	273	3.7	5	43
MD Totals	**26-26**	**162**	**766**	**209**	**557**	**3.4**	**12**	**54**
Career	**36-27**	**185**	**789**	**290**	**499**	**2.7**	**12**	**54**

note: career numbers include statistics from West Virginia

DAN MELENDEZ

85

WIDE RECEIVER
6-2 • 175 • SO.-1V
LANCASTER, PA.
(J.P. MCCASKEY)

Talented young receiver who has good speed and great hands ... uses his hands well to create space between himself and the defender . one of two true freshman wideouts to make an impact a year ago (Jo Jo Walker is the other) . . posted a 38 1/2 inch vertical jump in spring testing . ***Season:*** *(at WFU)* ...finished with two receptions for 27 yards and one touchdown . made a nice move to break off his defender in the endzone for the second touchdown reception of his career in the second quarter made a leaping grab along the right sideline for 1[illegible] yards in the first quarter .. *(vs. UNC)* .. took an end-around for a 14-yard gain in the third quarter .. *(at EMU)* ... scored his first career touchdown on a 14-yard pass from Scott McBrien during the fourth quarter, in which he twisted his way into the end zone after the catch .. *(at NIU)* ... had the Terps' second-longest reception (15 yards) on his only catch of the game.

Statistics

Receiving	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	11-0	6	75	12.5	2	15
Career	**22-0**	**12**	**137**	**11.4**	**2**	**25**

SHAWNE MERRIMAN

45

LINEBACKER
6-4 • 253 • SO.-1V
UPPER MARLBORO, MD.
(FREDERICK DOUGLASS)

Second-year player with tremendous upside ... is one of two starting-caliber players at the Terps' "Leo" linebacker position (Jamahl Cochran is the other) ... has great size and athleticism .. a big hitter ... a potential honors candidate with more experience at the position ... showed flashes of greatness in 2002 . . an Iron Terp who posted a 41 1/2-inch vertical jump, a 365-pound bench and a 565-pound squat on testing day . ***Season:*** second in the ACC and leads the team with 8.5 sacks ... tied for second on the team lead with Kevin Eli with 12 QB hurries .. tied for fifth on the team with 53 tackles (38 solo) ... third on the team with 9.5 tackles for loss ... *(at WFU)* ...recorded six tackles (three solo) with one sack and a PBU ... showed good awareness as he contained and then collapsed on Cory Randolph for a sack of four yards in the third quarter PBU came on a fourth-and-four play in the fourth quarter ... *(at NCSU)* .. had four tackles (three solo), one QB hurry and one sack for two yards got through the defense in the third quarter and used his agility to take down a scrambling Philip Rivers for a loss of two yards ... *(vs. UVa)* ... finished with four tackles (two solo) and one QB hurry ... pressured Matt Schaub on a third-and-13 in the third quarter, forcing him to throw the ball away and the Cavaliers to punt ... *(vs. UNC)* ... had three tackles (two solo) ... combined with Kevin Eli on a sack as they collapsed on the pocket to hit the Tar Heel quarterback for a loss of two yards ... *(at GT)* ...recorded two tackles (one solo) and led the Terps with three QB hurries ... one of his QB hurries came as he chased Reggie Ball to the sidelines, forcing him to throw the ball away on a third-and-seven, forcing a Yellow Jacket punt ... *(vs. Duke)* ... recorded four solo tackles ... recovered a fumble using his speed to beat the quarterback to the loose ball ... fumble recovery was the first of his career .. made a heads-up play sacking the Duke quarterback for a loss of 10 yards as he was not fooled on the play-action ... *(vs. CU)* . . had an impressive showing in his first start of the season finished with six tackles (four solo) and two sacks ... was in constant pursuit of the quarterback throughout the game with two sacks for 20 yards and four QB hurries, both team-highs .. added one PBU in the second quarter as he jumped to deflect a pass while rushing the QB ... *(vs. WVU)* ... finished with five tackles (four solo) ... had a big sack for a loss of four yards in the third quarter by speeding through the left side of the line to get Rasheed Marshall ... *(vs. The Citadel)* ... recorded one of the Terps' two sacks on the night for a loss of four yards ... finished with three tackles (two solo) ... *(at FSU)* ... had four tackles (three solo) ... caught Chris Rix from behind to record a sack for a loss of 12 yards in the third quarter . ***Career:*** stands 1.5 sacks shy of the Maryland career top 10.

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	12-5	38	15	53	9.5-59	8.5-58	0	1	3	0
Career	**26-6**	**71**	**31**	**102**	**15.5-83**	**13.5-80**	**1**	**1**	**8**	**0**

DEREK MILLER

84

TIGHT END
6-8 • 258 • SO.-1V
CARLISLE, PA.
(BOILING SPRINGS)

Tight end who serves as Jeff Dugan's primary backup at tight end . . a big target with good pass-catching skills . . has made great strides as a receiver and blocker since arriving at Maryland . has fully recovered from a fractured right leg suffered in the Peach Bowl ***Season:*** has seen playing time at TE in all 12 games this season *(at NCSU)* ... made a two-yard touchdown reception on a play-action pass from Scott McBrien in the second quarter . touchdown was his first of the season ... *(at FSU)* ... made his first reception of the season, a diving effort in the fourth quarter for a gain of eight yards.

Statistics

Receiving	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	12-1	2	10	5.0	1	8
Career	**26-1**	**4**	**20**	**5.0**	**2**	**9**

NICK NOVAK

46

PLACEKICKER
6-0 • 183 • JR.-2V
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.
(ALBEMARLE)

First-Team All-ACC

Fourth-year junior who has emerged as one of the top placekickers in the country ... has been one of the nation's top kickers over the course of the last two years semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award the past two years . . has a very strong and accurate leg consistent as both a placekicker and with kickoff duties . ***Season:*** leads the ACC and ranked sixth in the nation with 22 field goals .. second in the ACC and ranked 26th in the nation for scoring with 8.3 points per game ... fourth in the ACC for field goal percentage (78.6) .. *(at NCSU)* ... came back and kicked a 43-yard field goal to win the game with 28 seconds left in regulation after missing an extra point that would have tied the game two minutes earlier .. kicked a 29-yard field goal with five seconds left in the second quarter ... game-winning kick gave him the school scoring record .. *(vs. UNC)* . had a big game connecting on all three of his field goal attempts and his six PATs ... field goals came from 20, 24, and 46 yards out forced nine touchbacks on his 11 kickoffs ... *(vs. Duke)* . kicked a career-long 54-yard field goal for the Terps' first score of the game, surpassing his previous best of 51 yards .. field goal tied Stever Mike-Mayer's 1973 effort for the longest in school history ... connected on four of his five field goal attempts, marking the third time in his career and second this season that he has kicked four field goals in one game *(vs. WVU)* connected on two of his three field

goal attempts .. his successful attempts came from 32 and 41 yards out .. lone miss came from 52 yards out ... converted all four of his PATs, giving him 10 points on the night ... *(vs The Citadel)* ... connected on all four of his field goal attempts .. his attempts came from 21, 31, 38, and 42 yards out ... *(at NIU)* was successful on both of his field goal attempts of the night, hitting from 46 yards in the third quarter and 50 yards in the fourth quarter . forced touchbacks on two of his four kickoffs .. NIU's average starting spot after his four kicks was their own 17-yard line ***Career:*** leads Maryland all-time in points scored with 313 .. currently ranks second all-time at Maryland for career field goal percentage with .765 (62-of-81) . leads Maryland all-time in points scored kicking with 313 .. ranked second all-time at Maryland for PATs with 127 .. leads Maryland all-time for field goals made in a career with 62

Statistics

Kicking	G-GS	FG-A	XP-A	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg.	Pts.
2003	12-12	22-28	33-37	5-5	7-8	8-12	2-3	54	99
Career	37-37	62-81	127-136	22-25	17-20	15-23	7-12	54	313

RICH PARSON

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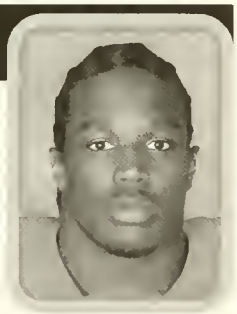

WIDE RECEIVER
5-10 • 187 • JR.-2V
NEWARK, DEL.
(NEWARK ACADEMY)

Slot receiver whose first two seasons have been very productive .. has steady hands, good speed and quick feet .. a reliable kickoff and punt returner came to Maryland as a tailback but was converted to receiver quickly in his first season ... still gets the occasional carry in end-around type situations .. has had his best season in '03 . ***Season:*** fourth on the team with 17 receptions . *(at WFU)* notched two receptions for 46 yards first catch of the game came on an inside slant route for a gain of 15 yards in the first quarter .. had a 31-yard reception in the third quarter on an inside post route .. added seven rushing yards on an option run to the right side in the third quarter *(at NCSU)* ... had the second memorable game of his career at NCSU, finishing with four receptions for 114 yards which are both career highs .. returned one punt for 51 yards .. 42-yard reception in the fourth quarter came on a slant route, avoiding two defenders after the catch to pick up an additional 15 yards on the play *(vs. UVa)* . took an option run from Scott McBrien up the left sideline for a gain of 15 yards in the second quarter ... *(vs. Duke)* took a pitch from Scott McBrien in the second quarter and utilized his speed to gain 29 yards up the sideline finished with two receptions for 22 yards *(vs CU)* caught his first touchdown of the season in the second quarter as he broke free of his defender in the corner of the end zone for 10 yards .. *(vs. The Citadel)* caught a pass up the middle for 35 yards in the second quarter, his longest reception of the night finished with two receptions for 46 yards returned two punts for 30 yards.

Statistics

Receiving	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	11-1	17	310	18.2	1	42
Career	35-1	39	628	16.1	2	64

BRUCE PERRY

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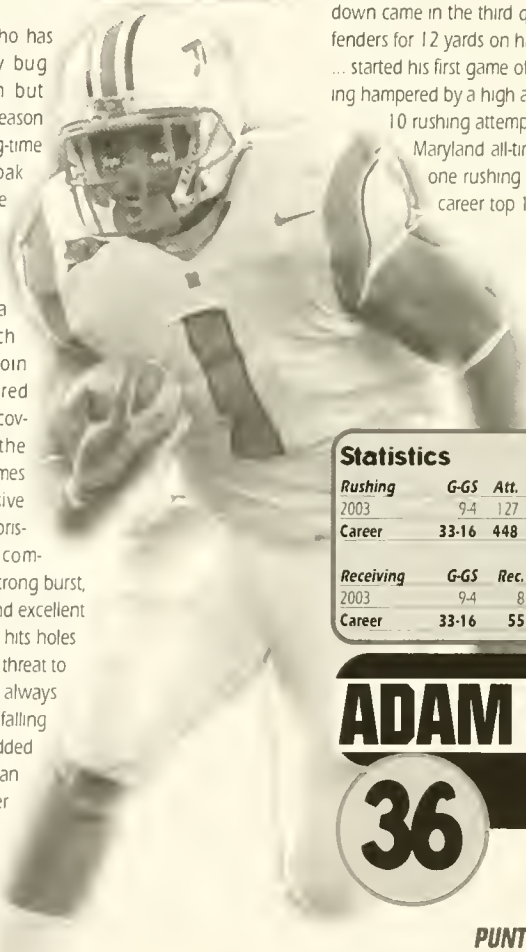
TAILBACK
5-10 • 205 • SR.-3V
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
(GEORGE WASHINGTON)



Fifth-year senior who has battled the injury bug again this season but proved late in the season that he is still a big-time back ... was a Doak Walker finalist and the ACC's Offensive Player of the Year in 2001 ... injuries a year ago included a strained stomach muscle, torn groin muscle and injured shoulder, but he recovered to play in the season's final four games .. a quick, explosive tailback who is surprisingly powerful ... combines quick feet, a strong burst, breakaway speed and excellent open-field moves .. hits holes hard and is always a threat to go the distance ... always seems to finish plays falling forward .. has the added dimension of being an exceptional receiver . recorded a 40 1/2-inch vertical jump and a 330-pound bench on testing day .. ***Season:*** sixth in the ACC with 71.8 rushing yards per game . second on the team with 646 rushing yards *(at WFU)* had an outstanding game, averaging 9.5 yards on 25 carries for 237 yards and three touchdowns .. 237 yards ties George Scott's performance against Villanova in 1977 for the fifth-best single game rushing performance in Maryland history . had an 80-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, as he ran off left tackle and beat defenders downfield . broke through a hole in the right side of the line and outran defenders downfield for a 49-yard touchdown run in the third quarter made a reception in the third quarter on a screen pass for a successful two-point conversion named ACC Offensive Back of the Week .. *(vs. UNC)* ran for 96 yards on 17 carries before leaving the game in the second quarter due to injury ... began the game very strong, marching the Terps down the field on their opening drive of the game with 53 yards on eight rushing attempts ... *(at GT)* ... had a strong performance with 75 yards on 17 rushing attempts and added two receptions ... *(vs. Duke)* ... scored his third rushing touchdown of the season in the third quarter as he came off right tackle, and broke two tackles on the way to the end zone ...took a screen pass from Scott McBrien and weaved his way up the sideline for a gain of 28 yards ... *(vs. WVU)* ... finished with 79 yards on just 14 carries ... recorded his first two-touchdown game since his career-high 276-yard, two-touchdown effort against Wake Forest in 2001 ... first touchdown of the night came in the first quarter as he sprinted off left tackle for four yards ... his second touchdown came in the third quarter as he bounced off two defenders for 12 yards on his way to the end zone ... *(at FSU)* ... started his first game of the season at tailback despite being hampered by a high ankle sprain ... gained 33 yards on 10 rushing attempts .. ***Career:*** ranks fourth on the Maryland all-time list with 2,424 yards .. stands one rushing touchdowns shy of the Maryland career top 10.

Statistics

Rushing	G-GS	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg.	TD	LP
2003	9-4	127	671	25	646	5.1	6	80
Career	33-16	448	2,256	75	2,424	5.4	17	80

Receiving	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	9-4	8	42	5.2	0	28
Career	33-16	55	478	8.7	2	38

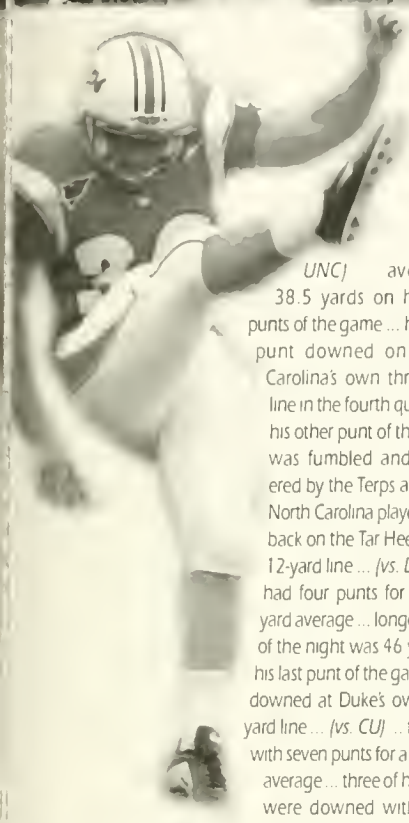
ADAM PODLESH

36

PUNTER
5-11 • 209 • FR.-RS
PITTSFORD, N.Y.
(PITTSFORD SUTHERLAND)

Second-Team All-ACC

Redshirt freshman who serves as the Terps' starting punter, replacing all-time school leader Brooks Barnard a good athlete with a strong leg also serves as the Terps' holder posted a bench press of 330 pounds while squatting 410 on spring testing day ***Season:*** second in the ACC and 30th in the nation with a 42.6 yard average per punt . *(at WFU)* ... averaged 37.8 yards on four punts with two punts downed within the 20-yard line had one punt downed within the 10-yard line *(at NCSU)* averaged 46 yards on five punts . had one punt downed inside NC State's 20-yard line ... longest punt of the night went for 57 yards in the first quarter *(vs*



UNC) averaged 38.5 yards on his two punts of the game ... had one punt downed on North Carolina's own three-yard line in the fourth quarter . his other punt of the game was fumbled and recovered by the Terps as it hit a North Carolina player in the back on the Tar Heels' own 12-yard line ... *(vs. Duke)* ... had four punts for a 42.8-yard average ... longest punt of the night was 46 yards ... his last punt of the game was downed at Duke's own two-yard line ... *(vs. CU)* .. finished with seven punts for a 41-yard average ... three of his punts were downed within the 20-yard line and two within the 10 ... had one punt downed on Clemson's own one-yard line in the fourth quarter . five of his seven punts were kicked into the wind ... *(vs. WVU)* ... only punt of the night traveled 58 yards and was downed at West Virginia's four-yard line ... *(vs. The Citadel)* ... his only punt of the game was for 60 yards, and was downed within the 20-yard line . . forced two touchbacks on three kickoffs .. *(at FSU)* ... averaged 43.7 yards per kick on seven punts for 306 yards ... his longest kick of the night was 52 yards .. had three punts downed within the 20-yard line ... *(at NIU)* ... was outstanding in his first game at the collegiate level, averaging 45.4 yards on his eight punts ... had four punts downed inside the 20-yard line and one inside the 10 ... his longest punt of the night was 63 yards, longest by a Terp in over two years.

Statistics

Punting	G-GS	Punts	Yds	Avg	LP	I 20	I 10	Blk.
2003	12-12	51	2,169	42.6	63	21	9	0

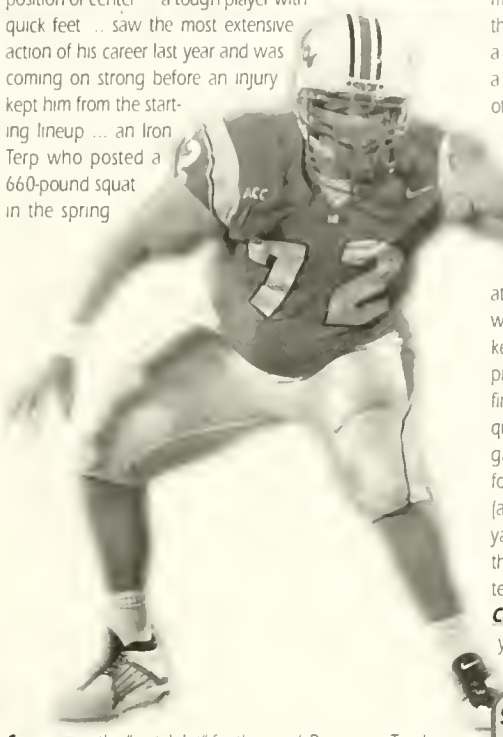
KYLE SCHMITT

72

CENTER
6-5 • 297 • JR.-2V
LATROBE, PA.
(DERRY AREA)

Honorable Mention All-ACC

A talented fourth-year player who serves as the team's starting center . versatile and intelligent enough to play either guard position or center a tough player with quick feet .. saw the most extensive action of his career last year and was coming on strong before an injury kept him from the starting lineup ... an Iron Terp who posted a 660-pound squat in the spring



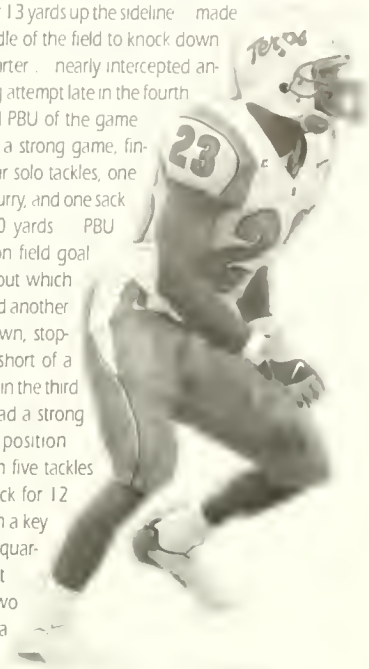
Season on the "watch list" for this year's Rimington Trophy Maryland's highest-graded lineman this season . started all 12 games at center .. *(vs. UVa)* ... notched three "big blocks" with no missed assignments on a team-high 69 offensive plays . Terps' highest graded offensive lineman .. *(vs. UNC)* had two "big blocks" . team's second-highest graded offensive lineman ... *(vs. CU)* ... Terps' highest-graded lineman recorded one "big block" on 72 plays ... *(at EMU)* ... second-highest graded lineman . . recorded two "big blocks" with no missed assignments . *(vs. WVU)* . team's highest-graded offensive lineman . his season-high tying four "big blocks" was the second-highest total for Terp linemen . had no missed assignments on 60 plays ... *(vs. The Citadel)* ... posted four "big blocks" on 59 plays ... *(at FSU)* ... was the team's highest-graded offensive lineman recorded one "big block" .. *(at NIU)* ... had a team-high two "big blocks" ... highest-graded offensive lineman.

ANDREW SMITH

23

STRONG SAFETY
6-0 • 203 • SR.-2V
FORT MEADE, MD.
(MEADE)

Senior safety who had his best season at Maryland in his first year as a safety .. sees time in nickel and dime situations . has good size and strength .. a sure tackler excels in blitz situations ... an Iron Terp with a 495-pound squat, 335-pound bench and a 39 1/2-inch vertical jump ***Season:*** *(vs. UNC)* . had one tackle and two PBUs . one PBU came when he nearly intercepted a pass as he stepped in front of a Tar Heel receiver and got his hands on the ball .. *(vs. Duke)* recorded his second career interception by making a leaping grab in the middle of the field on a third-and-12 on Dukes first drive of the game, returning it for 13 yards up the sideline made a diving play in the middle of the field to knock down a pass in the fourth quarter . nearly intercepted another pass with a leaping attempt late in the fourth quarter for his second PBU of the game *(vs. CU)* . had a strong game, finishing with four solo tackles, one PBU, one QB hurry, and one sack for a loss of 20 yards PBU forced a Clemson field goal attempt from 48 yards out which was not successful .. had another key tackle on a third down, stopping the Tiger tailback short of a first down forcing a punt in the third quarter . *(at NIU)* . . had a strong game from his nickel position fourth on the team with five tackles (all solo) . had one sack for 12 yards which occurred on a key third down in the third quarter, forcing NIU to punt ***Career:*** spent his first two years at Maryland as a cornerback.



Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	12-0	17	4	21	2.0-32	2.0-32	0	0	5	1
Career	38-1	53	18	71	4.0-37	4.0-37	0	1	11	2

MAURICE SMITH

40

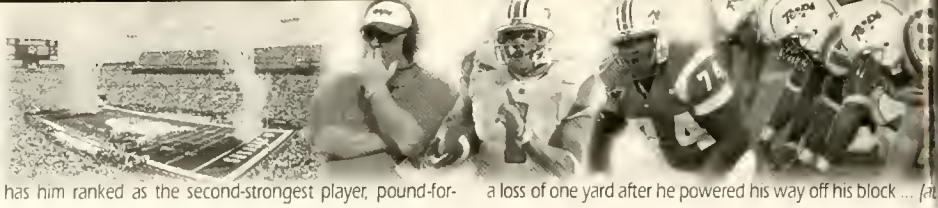
FULLBACK
5-11 • 229 • JR.-2V
WALDORF, MD.
(WESTLAKE)

Junior who moved from linebacker to fullback at the start of 2002 is currently second on the depth chart behind Bernie Fiddler a regular on special teams . works on kickoff and punt coverage teams . posted 615-pound squat in spring testing ***Season:*** *(vs. CU)* .. had his first career rushing attempt in the second quarter, a six-yard burst up the middle *(vs. WVU)* ... started at fullback in place of the injured Bernie Fiddler recorded a career-long 18-yard reception up the right side in the fourth quarter had the key block on Josh Allens rushing touchdown in the second quarter had a huge block in the first quarter, allowing Scott McBrien time to scramble and connect with Latrez Harrison on a 34-yard pass *(at FSU)* .. his first career reception came in the third quarter for a gain of seven yards.

Statistics

Rushing	G-GS	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg.	TD	LP
2003	11-2	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6
Career	35-2	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6

Receiving	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	1-2	2	25	12.5	0	18
Career	35-2	2	25	12.54	0	18



SCOTT SMITH

54

DEFENSIVE END
6-5 • 257 • SR.-3V
PHILAOELPHIA, PA.
(GEORGE WASHINGTON)

Fifth-year senior who began the season as the Terps' starter at defensive end but has missed the last nine games after suffering a back injury ... a strong pass rusher who performed well when he played in '02 ... good size and athleticism .. has good speed for an end (4.71) ... has a knack for getting in the opponent's backfield .. had back surgery prior to spring of 2002 ..benched 435 pounds and posted a 35-inch vertical jump in spring testing . ***Season:*** attempting to return for the Gator Bowl ... *(at FSU)* .. tied a career-high with six tackles (two solo) ... stood up Greg Jones for no gain with a big hit after he quickly closed the running lane during the second quarter .. *(at NIU)* ... notched four tackles (three solo) .. added one sack for nine yards which came on a third down play in the second quarter, forcing an NIU punt

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	3-3	5	6	11	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0	0	0
Career	**30-5**	**28**	**27**	**55**	**12.0-73**	**6.0-43**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**

RANDY STARKS

57

DEFENSIVE TACKLE
6-4 • 305 • JR.-2V
WALOORF, MD.
(WESTLAKE)

First-Team All-ACC

Third-year junior who has become a player to watch in the ACC in 2003 has All-American skills was on the preseason "watch list" for the Lombardi and Outland trophies preseason conference defensive player of the year by *ESPN* com combines athleticism with an ideal defensive lineman frame has a great burst and runs well for a player his size . an Iron Terp with the highest strength ind x ... 21 among defensive linemen strength index was a 30 point improvement over last year and has him ranked as the second-strongest player, pound-for-pound, on the team ... physical numbers include a 440-pound bench, a school-record 765-pound squat and a 31"-inch vertical jump .. ***Season:*** ranks sixth in the ACC and leads the team with 14 5 tackles for a loss ... fourth on the team with 72 tackles (36 solo) ... second on the team with 7.5 sacks ... started all 12 games at DT ... *(at WFU)* ... finished with four tackles (two solo), one sack, one PBU and two QB hurries ... was relentless in overpowering his man on the way to sack Cory Randolph for five yards in the third quarter ... *(at NCSU)* ... continued his strong play with eight tackles (four solo), one QB hurry and one sack for nine yards ... sack came in the third quarter as he powered straight through the line to get to Philip Rivers ... had a big hit on T.A. McLendon on a third-and-10 for no gain in the third quarter, forcing a Wolfpack punt ... *(vs. UVa)* ... had a strong game with eight tackles (five solo), three tackles for a loss of 11 yards, one sack for a loss of eight yards and one QB hurry ... sack came in the fourth quarter as he powered his way through the line in pursuit of Matt Schaub ... named ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week ... *(vs. UNC)* .. finished with four tackles (three solo) tackles and one sack for a loss of 12 yards ... sack came in the fourth quarter as he powered his way through the line to get to Darian Durant, forcing a third-and-21 ... *(at GT)* ... had another great game with nine tackles (five solo) ... combined with Kevin Eli on a tackle for a loss of one yard ... added two QB hurries ... *(vs. Duke)* ... had an outstanding performance with nine tackles (four solo), 1.5 sacks, three TFL and leading the team with three QB hurries ... forced his first fumble of the season as he hit a Duke wide receiver on an end-around ... his first sack of the game came in the first quarter as he chased the Duke QB from behind for a loss of six yards ... combined with Jamahl Cochran on a sack in the fourth quarter as they surrounded and collapsed on the Blue Devil quarterback for a loss of six yards ... added a PBU as he jumped over his blocker to deflect the pass ...*(at EMU)* ... beat his man around left tackle for the Terps' lone sack of the game on a second down during the first quarter ... finished with six tackles (three solo) ... *(vs. WVU)* ... finished with six tackles (two solo) ... had a big hit on the Mountaineer QB in the first quarter, forcing a loss of one yard after he powered his way off his block ... *(at FSU)* ... finished with seven tackles (four solo) ... also credited with two QB hurries ... one of those QB hurries came when he bulled his way through the offensive line and hit Chris Rix as he released the ball, forcing an incompletion and an FSU punt ... *(at NIU)* ... notched five tackles (three solo) ... had one sack for six yards .. ***Career:*** ranks ninth all-time at Maryland with 17 5 career sacks.

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	12-12	38	34	72	14.5-69	7.5-57	1	0	3	0
Career	**37-27**	**111**	**89**	**200**	**34.0-143**	**17.5-115**	**3**	**1**	**9**	**0**

JOEL STATHAM

16

QUARTERBACK
6-1 • 207 • FR.-RS
CHATSWORTH, GA.
(MURRAY COUNTY)

A talented second-year player who was pressed into action this year ... a player the team is looking at as a strong candidate to start next season ... an athletic quarterback with a strong, accurate arm ... grasp of the offense is his lone stumbling block ***Season:*** *(vs. UNC)* ... completed one of his two passing attempts ... pass was an 11-yard completion to Vernon Davis in the fourth quarter ... *(at GT)* ... came in during the second quarter to replace the injured Scott McBrien ... finished 11-of-23 for 145 yards with one interception .. hung tough in the face of a relentless pass rush all game ... longest completion of the night was a 35-yard pass to Steve Suter on a crossing route in the middle of the field.

Statistics

Passing	G-GS	Att.	Comp	Int	Yds.	Pct.	TD	LP
2003	5-0	25	12	1	156	480	0	35

STEVE SUTER

34

WIDE RECEIVER
5-10 • 192 • JR.-1V
MANCHESTER, MD.
(NORTH CARROLL)

First-Team All-ACC

Player who burst onto the scene in 2002, giving the Terps a breakaway threat in the return game and at receiver a speedy receiver with good hands who spent most of the season atop the depth chart at slot receiver slight at 5-10, but is one of the fastest and strongest players (pound-for-pound) on the team an Iron Terp who set Maryland all-time records for wide

ceivers with a 768 strength index, a 580-pound squat, a 42-inch vertical jump and a 352-pound clean . . also timed at 1.35 in the 40-yard dash . ***Season:*** ranks fourth in the ACC with 7.3 yards per punt return ... sixth in the ACC with a kick return average of 23.6 yards per return ... second on the team with 25 receptions and 387 receiving yards .. *(at WFU)* ... recorded two receptions for 52 yards ... made a nice grab on a stop-and-go play in the third quarter as he made a diving catch in tight coverage to gain 40 yards ... gained 45 yards on two kickoff returns ... *(vs. UNC)* ... finished with four receptions totaling 72 yards ... longest reception of the night went for 30 yards on a crossing route in the first quarter ... gained 57 yards on his only kickoff return of the game as he weaved his way up the field dodging defenders along the way ... return was the longest of his career . *(at GT)* ... led the Terps with four receptions for 60 yards ... longest catch of the night (34 yards) came on an great catch in the third quarter as he made a leaping grab in the middle of the field and held onto the ball as he was hit hard in mid-air ... *(vs. Duke)* ... finished with four receptions totaling 48 yards ... showed off his good hands when reaching out and grabbing an underthrown pass on a quick out in the first quarter for a gain of six yards .. *(vs. CU)* .. recorded his first receiving touchdown of the season in the first quarter .. showed great body control on the touchdown as he made a leaping grab and the spun off his defender for the 25-yard play ... used his speed on an end-around rush for 24 yards up the left sideline in the second quarter . . finished with three receptions for 42 yards and one rushing attempt for 24 yards ... *(at EMU)* ... finished with a team-leading four receptions for 84 yards, all of which came before halftime had a season-long 45-yard reception, setting up a Nick Novak field goal with six seconds left in the first half .. *(vs. WVU)* ... returned six punts for a total of 42 yards, giving him the record for most punt return yards in a career all-time at Maryland with 922 .. *(vs. The Citadel)* . broke two tackles on his way to a 75-yard touchdown on his first punt return of the game .. added his first reception of the season for six yards .. ***Career:*** leads the Terps all-time with 1,014 career punt return yards ... also leads Maryland all-time with 90 career punt returns ... leads the Terps all-time for career punt returns for a TD with 5 . set several NCAA punt return records in 2002, most notably tying the mark for returns for a TD in a season (4).

Statistics

Receiving	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	11-9	25	387	15.5	1	45
Career	**29-10**	**42**	**690**	**16.4**	**3**	**91**
Kickoff Ret.	**G-GS**	**Ret.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	**Long**
2003	11-9	14	331	23.6	0	67
Career	**29-10**	**36**	**877**	**24.4**	**0**	**67**
Punt Ret.	**G-GS**	**Ret.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	**Long**
2003	11-9	33	240	7.3	1	75
Career	**29-10**	**90**	**1,014**	**11.3**	**5**	**81**

ED TYLER

61

OFFENSIVE GUARD/ CENTER
6-3 • 293 • SR.-1V
FRANKLINVILLE, N.J. (DELSEA)

Backup who saw time at guard early in the season ... a solid performer who missed portions of last year due to injury .. fractured his right fibula prior to fall last year ... has strong knowledge of entire line's assignments and calls ... graduated in August of 2002 with a degree in economics and is working on a second degree (history) . ***Season:*** *(vs. The Citadel)* .. posted two "big blocks" on 27 plays despite being hampered by an elbow injury ... *(at FSU)* ... earned his first career start at right guard ... injured his elbow, limiting his action.

JO JO WALKER

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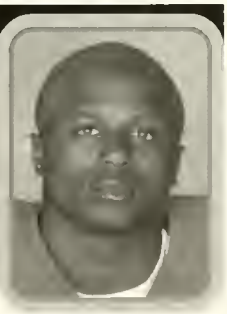

WIDE RECEIVER
5-9 • 165 • SO.-1V
CARROLLTON, TEXAS (CREEKVIEW)

Second-year player who came on strong at the end of 2002 . one of the quickest players on the team . . has the stop/start ability that few players possess .. can return kicks and punts has good hands and showed the ability to catch the ball over the middle is surprisingly physical and runs well after the catch .. will line up primarily in the slot an Iron Terp with a 36"-inch vertical jump . ***Season:*** third on the team with 20 receptions .. *(at NCSU)* . finished with a career-high six receptions totaling 57 yards and one touchdown touchdown came midway through the fourth quarter 2nd pulled the Terps to within a touchdown .. *(vs. UNC)* recorded a career-high 99 receiving yards on three catches . scored his first-career touchdown in the second quarter on a 67-yard reception that came on a slant pass from Scott McBrien reception was the longest of his career *(vs. Duke)* . lone reception of the game came on a 23-yard crossing route in the fourth quarter *(vs. WVU)* had a then career-long 24-yard reception, showing his speed on a crossing route in the middle of the field during the second quarter finished with two receptions for 33 yards . *(vs. The Citadel)* returned three punts for a career-high 69 yards .. his longest punt return of the season came in the first quarter as he evaded several Bulldog defenders to gain 36 yards finished with two receptions ... *(at FSU)* ... led the Terps in receptions with four as well as receiving yards with 41 his four receptions and 41 receiving yards are both career highs his longest reception of the night (22 yards) came in the first quarter on a play-action pass from Scott McBrien . *(at NIU)* returned six punts for 53 yards in his first game as the Terps' return man . . longest punt return of the night was 16 yards . had four kick returns for 97 yards.

Statistics

Receiving	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	12-0	20	273	13.6	2	67
Career	**22-0**	**24**	**328**	**13.7**	**2**	**67**
Kickoff Ret.	**G-GS**	**Ret.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	**Long**
2003	12-0	6	135	22.5	0	28
Career	**22-0**	**9**	**204**	**22.4**	**0**	**28**
Punt Ret.	**G-GS**	**Ret.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	**Long**
2003	12-0	9	122	13.6	0	36
Career	**22-0**	**9**	**122**	**13.6**	**0**	**36**

CURTIS WILLIAMS

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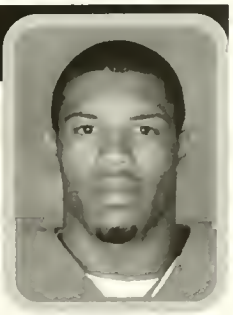

WIDE RECEIVER
6-2 • 206 • JR.-2V
HUNTINGTON STATION, N.Y. (HUNTINGTON)

Fourth-year junior who has been the Terps' version of a utility player the last few years .. started at safety before switching to linebacker and then back again last year ... is now lineing up at receiver ... has excelled on special teams in his first three years ... has good speed and leaping ability ... seems to perform better in game situations . is the team's top kick blocker . an Iron Terp with a 360-pound bench press and a 38.5-inch vertical jump .. ***Season:*** has two of the Terps' three blocked kicks this season ... *(at WFU)* .. blocked a punt in the fourth quarter as he broke through the line on his way to the punter .. *(vs. WVU)* .. finished with three tackles (one solo) . had a key stop on special teams during the third quarter, forcing a Mountaineers' drive to begin at their own 14-yard line *(vs. The Citadel)* made his first career reception in the fourth quarter for 35 yards *(at NIU)* ... blocked a 43-yard field goal attempt with one second left in the fourth quarter, forcing the game into overtime also had one solo tackle on special teams . ***Career:*** has blocked three punts and one kick in his career.

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	FC	FR	PBU	Int.	Blk.
2003	12-0	3	4	7	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Career	**32-0**	**14**	**9**	**23**	**0.0-0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**4**

JAFAR WILLIAMS

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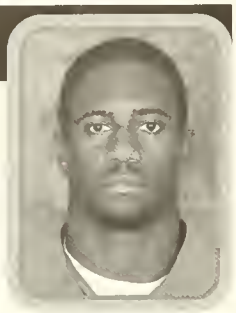

WIDE RECEIVER
6-2 • 210 • SR.-3V
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
(GEORGE WASHINGTON)

Senior receiver who gives the Terps a big target with the ability to get downfield tall, athletic receiver with good speed and the ability to gain extra yards after the catch ... was one of just three returning ACC receivers to average over 20 yards per reception last year (minimum 15 rec.) ... Jason Anderson (WFU) and Craphonso Thorpe (FSU) are the others .. benched 365 and cleaned 330 pounds in spring testing ... ***Season:*** *(at WFU)* .. led the Terps with three receptions for 47 yards and one touchdown .. touchdown came on a 28-yard flag route in the third quarter .. touchdown was his first of the season . had a leaping grab along the right sideline on the Terps' first play of the game for a 10-yard gain .. *(vs. UVa)* .. made a 41-yard reception after he got behind defenders in the second quarter ... *(at GT)* ... lone reception of the game went for six yards across the middle .. *(vs. CU)* .. made a shoestring catch for seven yards in the third quarter on his only reception of the game ... *(at FSU)* ... only reception of the game was a nine-yard pass from Orlando Evans late in the fourth quarter *(at NIU)* had two receptions for 18 yards ***Career:*** is 14 receptions shy of the Maryland career top 10.

Statistics

Receiving	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	8-2	10	136	13.6	1	41
Career	43-16	86	1,236	14.4	5	55

MADIEU WILLIAMS

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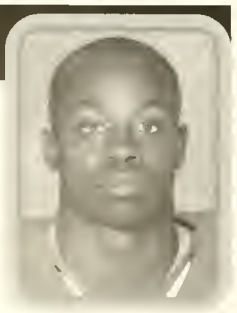

FREE SAFETY
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LANHAM, MD.
(DUVAL/
TOWSON UNIV.)

Second-Team All-ACC

Former transfer who estab[illegible] one of the top safeties in the league – if not the [illegible] try [illegible] first season at the Division I-A level in 2002 on th[illegible] for the 2003 Bronko Nagurski and Jim Thorpe award[illegible] athletic force who has great versatility is big enoug[illegible] run support yet fast and quick enough to man a corne[illegible] in if the defense is in a nickel or dime package ... one of three seniors and four returning starters in the Terps' defensive backfield, the deepest unit on this year's team ... one of the hardest-working players on the team ... an Iron Terp with a 36 1/2-inch vertical jump, 345-pound bench, 560-pound squat and 4.5 time in the 40-yard dash

Season: tied for fourth in the ACC and the team lead with three interceptions ... third on the team with 81 tackles (59 solo) . started all 12 games at free safety ... *(at WFU)* ... had a great game, tying a career high with 11 tackles (seven solo) along with one interception . . made a nice play by reading the play and stepping in front of a Demon Deacon receiver to make an interception in the third quarter ... ACC Defensive Back of the Week ... *(at NCSU)* . . recorded nine tackles (seven solo) and a PBU .. recovered a fumble caused by Leroy Ambush late in the fourth quarter that gave the Terps the ball for what was ultimately their game-winning drive ... PBU came with just seconds remaining in the fourth quarter as he leaped over several Wolfpack receivers to knock down a desperation pass by Philip Rivers ... *(vs. UVa)* ... finished with a career-high 11-tackles (seven solo) ... added a PBU as he hit a Virginia receiver when he touched the ball on an "out" route to the right side in the third quarter ... *(vs. UNC)* ... had five solo tackles ... *(at GT)* ... finished with seven tackles (six solo) ... rushed the QB on a key third-and-five play during the second quarter, as he hit Reggie Ball while he released the ball, forcing an incompletion and a Yellow Jacket punt .. *(vs. CU)* . . made his second interception of the season as he perfectly-timed his jump over the Clemson defender for the pick ... had great coverage on a play in the fourth quarter, recording his lone PBU of the game ... finished with six tackles (three solo) ... *(vs. WVU)* ... second on the team with eight tackles (five solo) ... had a PBU in the third quarter when he crushed the West Virginia receiver as soon as he touched the ball, forcing the incompletion *(vs. The Citadel)* ... had the Terps' lone interception of the game on a leaping grab at midfield in the second quarter . also notched two tackles (one solo) . *(at NIU)* . finished with six tackles, all solo . recovered Curtis Williams' blocked kick in the fourth quarter

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	12-12	59	22	81	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	1	5	3
MD Totals	26-26	120	43	163	2.0-5	1.0-4	3	2	12	7
Career	48-46	189	69	258	4.0-16	1.0-4	3	2	12	8

Career numbers include statistics from Towson

DENNARD WILSON

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STRONG SAFETY
5-10 • 189 • SR.-3V
UPPER MARLBORO,
MD. (DEMATHA)

Honorable Mention All-ACC

Senior safety who came into his own in his first year at the position last season and has been the team's most consistent defensive back this year ... a confident player who spent his first two years at cornerback ... a sure tackler with good instincts ... an Iron Terp a year ago who posted a 36-inch vertical jump and 345-pound bench press in this year's testing ***Season:*** tied for fifth in the ACC with 1.08 passes defended per game ... leads the team with 12 PBUs ... eighth on the team with 45 tackles (35 solo) ... started all 12 games at strong safety ... *(at WFU)* ... recorded six solo tackles, one TFL and three PBU's .. one PBU came in the first quarter as he hit a Wake Forest receiver as soon as he touched the ball to force the incompletion ... *(vs. UVa)* .. notched two tackles (one solo) and two PBUs ... made a nice play by coming in on a short pass to reach in front of a Virginia receiver to bat the ball away in the second quarter ... made a diving effort to knock down a pass at the goal line in the second quarter ... *(vs. CU)* ... combined with D'Qwell Jackson on a TFL in the first quarter as he quickly closed in on a Tiger receiver, hitting him as soon as he caught the ball for a loss of one yard .. one of his PBUs came on a third-and-26 in the second quarter, as he made a leaping effort to deflect the pass out of bounds, forcing a Tiger punt . . had another nice play in the fourth quarter when he dove across the middle of the field to knock a pass down before it reached the receiver ... finished with a season-high seven solo tackles along with three PBUs ... *(vs. WVU)* ... led the Terps with two PBUs both came in the fourth quarter when he immediately hit the receiver as they touched the ball, forcing incompletions .. also recorded two solo tackles . *(vs. The Citadel)* . had a key TFL on third down for a loss of four yards, forcing The Citadel to punt in the second quarter four tackles (three solo) and one PBU.

Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FC	FR	PBU	Int.
2003	12-12	34	11	45	2.5-7	0.0-0	0	0	12	0
Career	42-30	116	42	158	5.5-26	2.0-18	2	1	28	2

BOWL RESULTS

Record in Bowls: 7-10-2

Jan. 1, 1948 • Gator Bowl
Maryland 20, Georgia 20

Jan. 2, 1950 • Gator Bowl
Maryland 20, Missouri 7

Jan. 2, 1952 • Sugar Bowl
Maryland 28, Tennessee 13

Jan. 1, 1954 • Orange Bowl
Oklahoma 7, Maryland 0

Jan. 2, 1956 • Orange Bowl
Oklahoma 20, Maryland 6

Dec. 28, 1973 • Peach Bowl
Georgia 17, Maryland 16

Dec. 16, 1974 • Liberty Bowl
Tennessee 7, Maryland 3

Dec. 29, 1975 • Gator Bowl
Maryland 13, Florida 0

Jan. 1, 1977 • Cotton Bowl
Houston 30, Maryland 21

Dec. 22, 1977 • Hall of Fame Bowl
Maryland 17, Minnesota 7

Dec. 23, 1978 • Sun Bowl
Texas 42, Maryland 0

Dec. 20, 1980 • Tangerine Bowl
Florida 35, Maryland 20

Dec. 25, 1982 • Aloha Bowl
Washington 21, Maryland 20

Dec. 17, 1983 • Florida Citrus Bowl
Tennessee 30, Maryland 23

Dec. 22, 1984 • Sun Bowl
Maryland 28, Tennessee 27

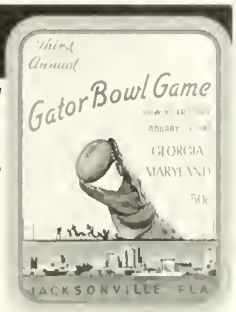
Dec. 21, 1985 • Cherry Bowl
Maryland 35, Syracuse 18

Dec. 15, 1990 • Independence Bowl
Maryland 34, Louisiana Tech 34

Jan. 2, 2002 • FedEx Orange Bowl
Florida 56, Maryland 23

Dec. 31, 2002 • Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl
Maryland 30, Tennessee 3

GATOR BOWL



Gator Bowl
Jacksonville
Jan. 1, 1948

Maryland 20
Georgia 20

In front of the first capacity crowd in Gator Bowl history, 16,666, Maryland's Lu Gambino was a one-man wrecking crew, rushing for 165 yards and scoring three touchdowns. Gambino's three scores propelled Maryland to a 20-7 lead, but Georgia reeled off 13 points in the fourth quarter to tie the game. The Bulldogs threatened to win the game in the closing seconds, but time ran out with Georgia on Maryland's 4-yard line. Despite the tie, there was no question as to the game's most valuable player. Gambino won the Burkhalter Award, signifying the game's outstanding performer. Gambino was inducted into the Gator Bowl Hall of Fame in 1992.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
Maryland	0	7	13	0	20
Georgia	0	0	7	13	20

2-UM - Gambino 35-yard run (McHugh kick)
3-UG - Rauch 1-yard run (Geri kick)
3-UM - Gambino 1-yard run (kick failed)
3-UM - Gambino 24-yard pass from Baroni (McHugh kick)
4-UG - Geri 4-yard run (kick failed)
4-UG - Donaldson 9-yard pass from Rauch (Geri kick)

	UM	UG
First Downs	16	19
Rushing Yards	247	216
Passing	127	190
Comp-Att-Int	7-14-1	12-20-1
Punts-Avg.	5-44	4-40
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-66	4-80

RUSHING-Maryland, Gambino 22-165, Idzik 2-32, Bonk 5-23, LaRue 4-24, Turyn 4-9, Brown 2-6, Tucker 2-3, Siebert 3-3, Roth 3-(-16). Georgia, Donaldson 10-69, Geri 7-56, Henderson 8-48, Reid 7-46, Nestorak 3-6, Bodine 3-2, Bradberry 1-2, Brunson 3-(-2), Rauch 3 (-10).
PASSING-Maryland, Baroni 7-14-127. Georgia, Rauch 12-20-190.
Att: 16,666

Maryland celebrates its first bowl in 1948.

GATOR BOWL

Gator Bowl
Jacksonville
Jan. 2, 1950

Maryland 20
Missouri 7

Three times in the first half Missouri turned the ball over, and all three times Maryland scored a touchdown as the Terrapins defeated the Tigers, 20-7, to earn their first-ever postseason victory. The Terrapin running attack, led by Bob Shemonski and Ed Modzelewski, amassed 266 rushing yards, the second-most by a Maryland bowl team. Maryland defensive back John Idzik set up Maryland's first score with a 26-yard interception return to the Tiger 11-yard line. Shemonski scored on a sweep on the next play for the go-ahead touchdown. Shemonski scored again on a six-yard run late in the second quarter to put the Terps up 20-0.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Maryland	7	13	0	0	—	20
Missouri	0	0	0	7	—	7

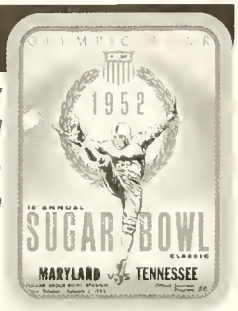
1-UM - Shemonski 11-yard run (Dean kick)
2-UM - Modzelewski 3-yard run (kick failed)
2-UM - Shemonski 6-yard run (Dean kick)
4-MO - Klein 4-yard run (Glorioso kick)

	UM	MO
First Downs	11	13
Rushing Yards	266	100
Passing	16	167
Comp-Att-Int	2-17-1	11-29-3
Punts-Avg.	7-39.0	3-38.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	5-5
Penalties-Yards	63	10

Att: 18,409

Shoo-Shoo Shemonski goes for a TD vs. Missouri.

SUGAR BOWL



Tulane-Sugar Bowl
New Orleans
Jan. 2, 1952

Maryland 28
Tennessee 13

In what may have been the biggest win in Maryland football history, the Terps upset No. 1-ranked and regular season national champion Tennessee, 28-13, in the 1952 Sugar Bowl. The Terps were led by running back Ed "Mighty Mo" Modzelewski (153 yards on 28 carries) and the brilliant play of running back/defensive back Ed Fullerton, who scored two touchdowns and threw for another. The Terps put the game out of reach in the third quarter with a 46-yard interception for a touchdown by Fullerton, giving the Terps a 28-6 lead. Maryland finished the season with an overall record of 10-0-0 and a No. 3 national ranking.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Maryland	7	14	7	0	—	28
Tennessee	0	6	0	7	—	13

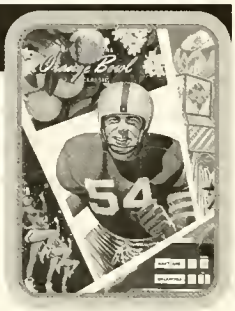
1-UM - Fullerton 2-yard run (Decker kick)
2-UM - Shemonski 7-yard pass from Fullerton (Decker kick)
2-UM - Scarbath 1-yard run (Decker kick)
2-UT - Rechichar 4-yard pass from Payne (kick failed)
3-UM - Fullerton 46-yard interception return (Decker kick)
4-UT - Payne 2-yard run (Rechichar kick)

	UM	UT
First Downs	18	12
Rushing Yards	289	81
Passing	63	75
Comp-Att-Int	7-13-1	9-19-4
Return Yards	29	16
Punts-Avg.	8-38.0	7-43.0
Fumbles-Lost	7-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	12-120	2-20

RUSHING-Maryland, Modzelewski 28-153. Tennessee, Payne 11-54.
PASSING-Maryland, Scarbath 6-9-57. Tennessee, Payne 7-14-75.
Att: 80,271

Maryland celebrates its 1951 undefeated season.

ORANGE BOWL



Orange Bowl
Miami
Jan. 1, 1954

Oklahoma 7
Maryland 0

This was the first game of the contract that pitted the Big Eight Conference champion against the Atlantic Coast Conference champion. The Terrapins took an undefeated season and the nation's No. 1 ranking into the game against an Oklahoma squad that used a powerful running attack to grind out a second quarter touchdown to propel the Sooners to a 7-0 win. Twice the Terps had first-down opportunities with the ball inside the 10-yard line and failed to come away with any points. Despite the narrow loss, the Terrapins claimed the 1953 national championship.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Maryland	0	0	0	0	—	0
Oklahoma	0	7	0	0	—	7

2-OU - Griggs 25-yard run (Leake kick)

	UM	OU
First Downs	13	10
Rushing Yards	176	208
Passing	36	22
Comp-Att-Int	5-12-0	4-6-1
Return Yards	25	7
Punts-Avg.	5-29.0	7-31.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Penalty Yards	15	45

RUSHING-Maryland, Felton 10-51. Oklahoma, Griggs 13-89.
PASSING-Maryland, Boxold 3-9-42. Oklahoma, Calame 4-4-22.
RECEIVING-Maryland, Nolan 2-31. Oklahoma, Burris 3-17.
Att: 68,178

Shoo-Shoo Shemonski high-stepping in the 1954 Orange Bowl.

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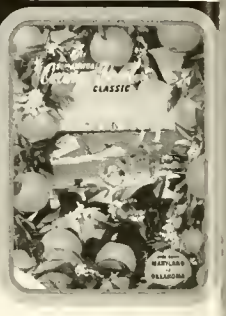


Orange Bowl
Miami
Jan. 2, 1956

Oklahoma 20
Maryland 6

The third-ranked Terps came into the Orange Bowl riding a 15-game winning streak, only to have it snapped by an Oklahoma team that extended its winning streak to 30 games with a 20-6 win. The Terps, who led 6-0 at halftime, were stunned when the Sooners went into their famous "fast break offense" and reeled off two third-quarter touchdowns to earn the national championship. Ed Vereb, who scored the Terps' lone touchdown, finished with 108 rushing yards. Maryland was hurt by five turnovers.

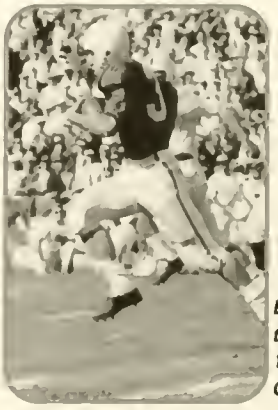
Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Maryland	0	6	0	0	—	6
Oklahoma	0	0	14	6	—	20

2-UM - Vereb 15-yard run (kick failed)
3-OU - McDonald 4-yard run (Prices kick)
3-OU - O'Neil 1-yard run (Prices kick)
4-OU - Dodd 82-yard interception return (kick failed)

	UM	OU
First Downs	9	16
Rushing Yards	187	202
Passing	46	53
Comp-Att-Int	3-10-3	4-10-1
Punts-Avg.	7-40.0	8-34.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-61	4-35

RUSHING-Maryland, Vereb 8-108. Oklahoma, Harris 9-63.
PASSING-Maryland, Beightol 2-7-46. Oklahoma, Harris 3-5-34.
RECEIVING-Maryland, Cooke 1-21. Oklahoma, Burris 2-28.
Att: 75,561



Ed Vereb rushed for the Terps' only TD and 108 yards in the '56 Orange Bowl.

PEACH BOWL

Fulton County Stadium
Atlanta
Dec. 28, 1973

Georgia 17
Maryland 16

Maryland came away from its first bowl game in 18 years a disappointed team. The Terrapins dominated Georgia in all phases, but the game was tied 10-10 at the half thanks to a couple of big plays by the Bulldogs. In the third quarter, a costly Terp fumble led to Georgia's go-ahead touchdown. Seven times the Terrapins were inside the Georgia 20-yard line, coming away with only nine points. The Terps' lone touchdown came via Walter White's 68-yard touchdown reception.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Maryland	0	10	0	6	—	16
Georgia	0	10	7	0	—	17

2-UG - Poulous 62-yard pass from Johnson (Leavitt kick), 5:27
2-UM - White 68-yard pass from Carter (Mike-Mayer kick), 5:04
2-UM - Mike-Mayer 36-yard field goal, 1:31
2-UG - Leavitt 26-yard field goal, 0:06
3-UG - Johnson 1-yard run (Leavitt kick), 4:24
4-UM - Mike-Mayer 25-yard field goal, 13:53
4-UM - Mike-Mayer 28-yard field goal, 7:35

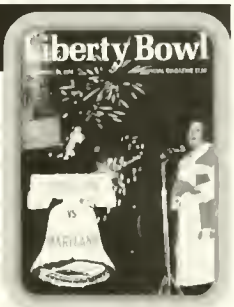
	UM	UG
First Downs	15	11
Rushing Yards	219	170
Passing	242	114
Comp-Att-Int	8-18-1	5-16-1
Return Yards	78	135
Punts-Avg.	6-31.8	8-41.3
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	2-2
Penalties-Yards	5-63	1-5

RUSHING-Maryland, Carter 29-126. Georgia, King 16-57.
PASSING-Maryland, Kinard 4-8-113. Georgia, Johnson 5-16-114.
RECEIVING: Maryland, White 2-106. Georgia, Poulous 2-62.
Att: 80,271

Coach Jerry Claiborne (left) congratulates Georgia coach Vince Dooley after the Bulldogs' win.

LIBERTY BOWL

Liberty Bowl Mem. Stadium
Memphis
Dec. 16, 1974



Tennessee 7
Maryland 3

The Maryland defense, led by All-ACC defensive tackle Randy White, shut out Tennessee for nearly four quarters but lost the game when the Volunteers' quarterback, Randy Wallace, found Larry Seivers for an 11-yard touchdown pass with 2:08 to play. The Terps were punting from their own 13 when a bad snap from the center was recovered by the Volunteers on the Maryland 7-yard line. Maryland had a chance to win the game but an apparent 20-yard touchdown pass was ruled out of bounds.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Maryland	0	3	0	0	—	3
Tennessee	0	0	0	7	—	7

2-UM - Mike-Mayer 28-yard field goal
4-UT - Seivers 11-yard pass from Wallace (Towsend kick)

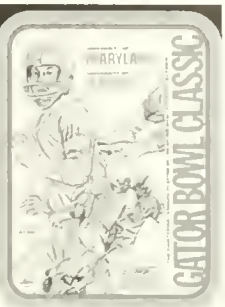
	UM	UT
First Downs	16	15
Rushing Yards	108	173
Passing	158	65
Comp-Att-Int	15-22-2	7-16-0
Return Yards	76	65
Punts-Avg.	6-41.0	7-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	4-2
Penalties-Yards	4-63	8-69

RUSHING-Maryland, Carter 22-65. Tennessee, Gayle 17-106.
PASSING-Maryland, Avellini 15-22-158. Tennessee, Holloway 6-15-54.
RECEIVING: Maryland, White 5-68. Tennessee, Seivers 4-38.
Att: 51,284

Louis Carter rushed for 65 yards in the Terps' 1974 Liberty Bowl appearance.

GATOR BOWL

Gator Bowl
Jacksonville
Dec. 29, 1975



Maryland 13
Florida 0

The ACC-champion Terrapins headed into the 1975 Gator Bowl as a seven-point underdog to the Florida Gators. However, this did not deter the Terps, who were coming off their best season (8-2-1) in 20 years. Maryland shut out the Gators, 13-0, in front of a large pro-Florida crowd in a steady downpour. The Maryland defense held the SEC's total offense leader scoreless and intercepted two Florida passes which led to the first 10 Maryland points. This was the first Terp win over an SEC team since 1955.

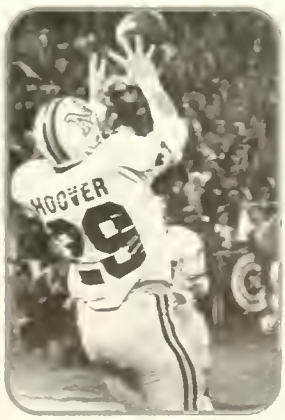
Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Maryland	7	3	0	3	—	13
Florida	0	0	0	0	—	0

1-UM - Hoover 19-yard pass from Dick (Sochko kick) 6:15
2-UM - Sochko 20-yard field goal 6:49
4-UM - Sochko 27-yard field goal 11:41

	UM	UF
First Downs	15	14
Rushing Yards	209	182
Passing	82	28
Comp-Att-Int	7-16-0	3-19-3
Return Yards	26	25
Punts-Avg.	7-39.5	7-38.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-47	6-48

RUSHING-Maryland, Atkins 20-127. Florida, DuBose 18-95.
PASSING-Maryland, Dick 5-13-67. Florida, Fisher 2-12-33.
RECEIVING: Maryland, Hoover 2-24. Florida, Lecount 1-25.
Att: 64,012



Kim Hoover hauls in the only TD of the Terps' win in the '75 Gator Bowl.

COTTON BOWL

Cotton Bowl
Dallas
Jan. 1, 1977

Houston 30
Maryland 21

Maryland entered the 1977 Cotton Bowl with a perfect 11-0 record, but the hopes for a perfect season were dashed quickly when Houston scored 21 first-quarter points en route to a 30-21 win. The Cougars rushed for a total of 320 yards in the game and 144 in the 21-point first quarter. The Terps cut the lead to 27-21 in the fourth quarter, but a 5:42 drive by the Cougars late in the quarter resulted in a field goal, slamming the door on any Terp comeback hopes.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Maryland	0	7	7	7	—	21
Houston	21	6	0	3	—	30

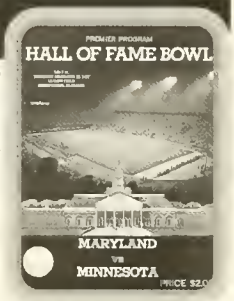
1-UH - Thomas 11-yard run (Coplin kick) 6:27
1-UH - Blackwell 33-yard run (Coplin kick) 3:13
1-UH - Blackwell 1-yard run (Coplin kick) 0:51
2-UM - Manges 6-yard run (Loncar kick) 9:36
2-UH - Bass 33-yard pass from Davis (kick failed) 0:55
3-UM - Sievers 11-yard pass from Manges (Sochko kick) 1:41
4-UM - Wilson 1-yard run (Sochko kick) 8:46
4-UH - Coplin 28-yard field goal 0:18

	UM	UH
First Downs	17	20
Rushing Yards	120	320
Passing	179	108
Comp-Att-Int	17-32-0	5-8-0
Return Yards	13	5
Punts-Avg.	6-44.0	4-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-3
Penalties-Yards	8-80	5-22

RUSHING-Maryland, Scott 11-47. Houston, Blackwell 22-149.
PASSING-Maryland, Manges 17-32-179. Houston, Davis 5-8-108.
RECEIVING: Maryland, Kinney 6-72. Houston, Foster 3-62.
Att: 58,500

Eric Sievers caught his first college TD on this play in the '77 Cotton Bowl.

HALL OF FAME BOWL



Legion Field
Birmingham
Dec. 22, 1977

Maryland 17
Minnesota 7

After allowing an early Minnesota touchdown run, the Terps scored the next 17 points and shut out the Golden Gophers over the next three quarters to leave Birmingham with a 17-7 win. Offensively, the Terps looked to George Scott, who rushed for 75 yards and two second-quarter touchdowns to put Maryland in the lead for good. The Maryland defense held the Gophers to only 69 yards of total offense in the second half.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Maryland	3	14	0	0	—	17
Minnesota	7	0	0	0	—	7

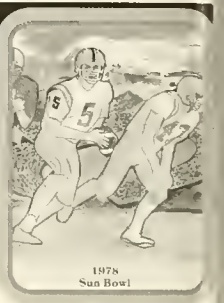
1-MN - Barber 1-yard run (Rogind kick) 9:02
1-UM - Sochko 32-yard field goal 5:21
2-UM - Scott 2-yard run (Sochko kick) 7:04
2-UM - Scott 1-yard run (Sochko kick) 4:53

	UM	MN
First Downs	15	17
Rushing Yards	120	113
Passing	211	155
Comp-Att-Int	12-23-1	13-26-0
Return Yards	3	6
Punts-Avg.	5-36.8	9-27.7
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	3-2
Penalties-Yards	12-80	6-54

RUSHING-Maryland, Scott 24-75. Minnesota, Kitzmann 24-76.
PASSING-Maryland, Dick 12-20-211. Minnesota, Avery 12-23-130.
RECEIVING: Maryland, White 8-126. Minnesota, Anhorn 5-49.
Att: 47,000

George Scott ran for two TDs and 75 yards in the Terps' '77 Hall of Fame Bowl win.

SUN BOWL



Sun Bowl
El Paso
Dec. 23, 1978

Texas 42
Maryland 0

The Maryland Terrapins, appearing in their sixth consecutive bowl and looking for their second straight bowl win, ran into a very determined Texas Longhorn team. The Longhorns' running game amassed 220 yards and five touchdowns, while the Texas defense held Maryland to 248 yards of total offense. It was the first time in 95 games the Terps had been held scoreless, ending the third-longest streak in the nation.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Maryland	0	0	0	0	—	0
Texas	21	7	14	0	—	42

1-UT - L. Jones 7-yard run (Erxleben kick) 10:27
1-UT - J. Jones 1-yard run (Erxleben kick) 7:15
1-UT - L. Jones 29-yard pass from McBaeth (Erxleben kick) 4:37
2-UT - McBaeth 2-yard run (Erxleben kick) 12:55
3-UT - J. Jones 14-yard run (Erxleben kick) 2:42
3-UT - H. Jones 32-yard run (Erxleben kick) 1:08

	UM	UT
First Downs	20	18
Rushing Yards	34	220
Passing	214	45
Comp-Att-Int	17-43-4	2-7-0
Return Yards	0	20
Punts-Avg.	8-37	7-41
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	5-35	7-42

RUSHING-Maryland, Atkins 10-15. Texas, H. Jones 14-104.
PASSING-Maryland, O'Hare 12-27-146. Texas, McBaeth 2-5-45.
RECEIVING: Maryland, Richards 4-52. Texas, L. Jones 2-45.
Att: 33,122

Charles Johnson's mood tells the story after the Terps lost in the '78 Sun Bowl.

TANGERINE BOWL

Tangerine Bowl
Orlando
Dec. 20, 1980

Florida 35
Maryland 20

Maryland's Charlie Wysocki rushed for 159 yards and a touchdown, but it was not enough to overcome the passing attack of the Gators' Wayne Peace, who threw for 271 yards and two touchdowns. Peace's favorite receiver, Cris Collinsworth, caught eight passes for 166 yards, including a 21-yard touchdown catch that led to Florida's 28-20 lead. Maryland's Dale Castro tied a Tangerine Bowl record and established a new Terrapin bowl record when he booted his fourth field goal in the third quarter.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Maryland	3	6	11	0	—	20
Florida	0	14	14	7	—	35

1-UM - Castro 34-yard field goal 4:50
2-UF - Collinsworth 24-yard pass from Peace (Clark kick) 14:04
2-UM - Castro 27-yard field goal 4:37
2-UM - Castro 26-yard field goal 4:28
2-UF - Jones 2-yard run (Clark kick) 1:46
3-UM - Wysocki 2-yard run (Tice run) 14:48
3-UM - Castro 42-yard field goal 10:00
3-UF - Peace 1-yard run (Clark kick) 4:43
3-UF - Collinsworth 21-yard pass from Peace (Clark kick) 3:29
4-UF - Brown 2-yard run (Clark kick) 9:31

	UM	UF
First Downs	19	16
Rushing Yards	181	108
Passing	155	271
Comp-Att-Int	12-26-3	20-34-1
Return Yards	14	54
Punts-Avg.	4-39.0	6-34.0
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-44	11-108

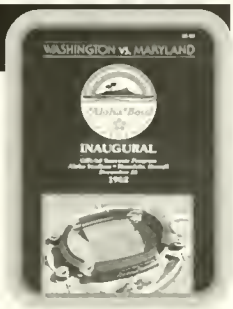
RUSHING-Maryland, Wysocki 39-159. Florida, Brown 16-71.
PASSING-Maryland, Tice 11-23-129. Florida, Peace 20-24-271.
RECEIVING: Maryland, Havener 4-83. Florida, Collinsworth 8-166.
Att: 52,541

Charlie Wysocki ran for 159 yards in the '80 Tangerine Bowl.

ALOHA BOWL

Aloha Stadium
Honolulu
Dec. 25, 1982

Washington 21
Maryland 20



Maryland and Washington made sure the fans who went to the inaugural Aloha Bowl got their money's worth. The Huskies' touchdown with :06 left secured Washington's come-from-behind, 21-20 victory. The Terps had a chance to go up by nine points with 3:39 left to play, but Jess Atkinson's 32-yard field goal attempt missed. The Terps had fallen behind 14-6 in the first half and Boomer Esiason had completed 10 passes for 120 yards and a touchdown in the third quarter, sparking Maryland to a 20-14 lead early in the fourth.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Maryland	0	6	6	8	—	20
Washington	7	7	0	7	—	21

1-UW - Allen 27-yard pass from Cowan (Nelson kick) 10:14
2-UM - D'Addio 19-yard pass from Esiason (kick failed) 14:52
2-UW - Allen 71-yard pass from Cowan (Nelson kick) 5:21
3-UM - Tice 36-yard pass from Esiason (conversion failed) 12:18
4-UM - Nash 2-yard run (Tice pass from Esiason) 10:44
4-UW - Allen 11-yard pass from Cowan (Nelson kick) 0:06

	UM	UW
First Downs	17	20
Rushing Yards	68	63
Passing	251	369
Comp-Att-Int	19-32-1	35-55-0
Return Yards	45	43
Punts-Avg.	7-38.0	5-45.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-4
Penalties-Yards	8-55	7-50

RUSHING-Maryland, Nash 11-41. Washington, Robinson 16-50.
PASSING-Maryland, Esiason 19-32-251. Washington, Cowan 33-55-369.
RECEIVING: Maryland, Tice 6-85. Washington, Skansi 10-81.
Att: 30,055

Dave D'Addio rushes past Washington in the Aloha Bowl.

CITRUS BOWL

Florida Citrus Bowl
Orlando
Dec. 17, 1983

Tennessee 30
Maryland 23

Tennessee scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to overcome a 20-16 deficit and defeat the Terps, 30-23, in the 1983 Citrus Bowl. Maryland took a four-point lead into the fourth quarter, thanks to outstanding play from reserve quarterback Frank Reich. Reich entered the game in the second quarter when starter Boomer Esiason suffered a shoulder injury. Reich's one mistake of the day, an interception early in the fourth quarter, set the Vols on Maryland's 14-yard line which led to a Tennessee touchdown run that was the difference.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Maryland	3	6	11	3	—	23
Tennessee	7	3	6	14	—	30

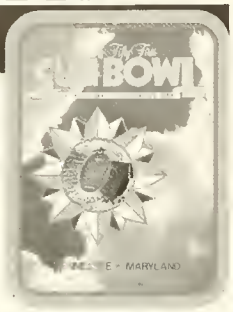
1-UM - Atkinson 18-yard field goal 4:01
1-UT - Taylor 12 pass from Cockrell (Reveiz kick) 1:04
2-UM - Atkinson 48-yard field goal 13:43
2-UM - Atkinson 31-yard field goal 12:01
2-UT - Reveiz 25-yard field goal 4:34
3-UM - Atkinson 22-yard field goal 10:47
3-UT - Henderson 19-yard run (Cockrell pass failed) 5:29
3-UM - Badanjek 3-yard run (Badanjek run) 4:14
4-UT - Jones 1-yard run (Reveiz kick) 14:01
4-UT - Jones 2-yard run (Reveiz kick) 11:58
4-UM - Atkinson 26-yard field goal 4:34

	UM	UT
First Downs	17	25
Rushing Yards	95	201
Passing	253	185
Comp-Att-Int	18-28-1	16-23-1
Return Yards	10	26
Punts-Avg.	0-0.0	1-47.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-32	1-5

RUSHING-Maryland, Joyner 17-58. Tennessee, Jones 29-154.
PASSING-Maryland, Reich 14-22-192. Tennessee, Cockrell 16-23-185.
RECEIVING: Maryland, David 4-66. Tennessee, Duncan 6-59.
Att: 50,183

Bobby Ross (far left) and Boomer Esiason (second from left) visit Goofy at the Magic Kingdom.

SUN BOWL



Sun Bowl
El Paso
Dec. 22, 1984

Maryland 28
Tennessee 27

The Maryland Terrapins were truly the comeback team of 1984. Maryland trailed Tennessee 21-0 at halftime and erupted for a Terrapin bowl-record 22 points in the third quarter. Frank Reich's third-quarter touchdown pass to Ferrell Edmunds put the Terps up 22-21, but the ensuing kickoff was returned for a touchdown by the Volunteers to give them a 27-22 lead. Then with 8:03 left to play, the Terps' offense pounded out a 5:05 drive that was capped by a one-yard scoring run by Rick Badanjek for the game-winning touchdown.

Box Score

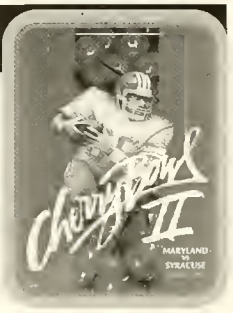
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Maryland	0	0	22	6	—	28
Tennessee	10	11	6	0	—	27

1-UT - Jones 2-yard run (Reveiz kick) 6:34
1-UT - Reveiz 24-yard field goal 2:29
2-UT - Reveiz 52-yard field goal 5:13
2-UT - McGee 6-yard pass from Robinson (McGee pass from Robinson) 0:37
3-UM - Neal 57-yard run (pass failed) 10:35
3-UM - Atkinson 23-yard field goal 6:32
3-UM - Badanjek 1-yard run (run failed) 3:47
3-UM - Edmunds 40-yard pass from Reich (Atkinson kick) 3:47
3-UT - Penuska 100-yard kickoff return (pass failed) 0:10
4-UM - Badanjek 1-yard run (pass failed) 2:28

	UM	UT
First Downs	22	13
Rushing Yards	229	148
Passing	201	132
Comp-Att-Int	17-28-1	15-24-0
Return Yards	80	194
Punts-Avg.	4-39.0	5-42.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	8-63	6-49

RUSHING-Maryland, Neal 12-107. Tennessee, Jones 14-80.
PASSING-Maryland, Reich 17-28-201. Tenn., Robinson 15-24-132.
RECEIVING: Maryland, Hill 4-69. Tennessee, McGee 6-66.
Att: 50,126

CHERRY BOWL



Pontiac Silverdome
Pontiac, Mich.
Dec. 21, 1985

Maryland 35
Syracuse 18

Quarterback Stan Gelbaugh completed 14 passes for 223 yards, threw two touchdowns and rushed for another as Maryland defeated Syracuse 35-18. The Terrapins, who trailed 3-0 early in the first quarter, took their first lead thanks to Gelbaugh's four-yard touchdown run. Trailing 10-6 in the second quarter, Gelbaugh hit tight end Chris Knight for a three-yard score to put the Terps in the lead for good. The touchdown pass also was the start of a 22-point second quarter that tied a Maryland bowl record for points scored in a quarter.

Box Score

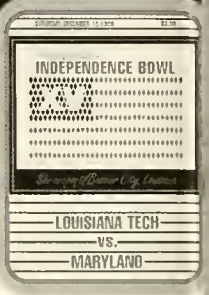
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Syracuse	3	7	8	0	—	18
Maryland	6	22	7	0	—	35

1-SU - McAulay 26-yard field goal 10:27
1-UM - Gelbaugh 4-yard run (kick failed) 6:36
2-SU - Drummond 10-yard run (McAulay kick) 12:53
2-UM - Knight 3-yard pass from Gelbaugh (Badanjek run) , 8:50
2-UM - Tye 8-yard fumble return (Plocki kick) 3:41
2-UM - Blount 20-yard run (Plocki kick) 1.43
3-UM - Abdur-Ra'oof 6-yard pass from Gelbaugh (Plocki kick) 11:27
3-SU - McPherson 17-yard run (Schwedes from McPherson) 2:51

	UM	SU
First Downs	22	28
Rushing Yards	244	241
Passing	223	204
Comp-Att-Int	14-20-1	18-30-3
Return Yards	99	135
Punts-Avg.	3-38.7	1-52.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	5-54	3-26

RUSHING-Maryland, Blount 24-135. Syracuse, McPherson 21-111.
PASSING-Maryland, Gelbaugh 14-20-223. Syracuse, McPherson 18-30-204.
RECEIVING: Maryland, Abdur-Ra'oof 5-86. Syracuse, Slano 4-69.
Att: 51,858

INDEPENDENCE BOWL



Independence Stadium
Shreveport, La.
Dec. 15, 1990

Maryland 34
La. Tech 34

Tech's Chris Boniol hit a 29-yard field goal with no time remaining in the 1990 Independence Bowl, allowing the Bulldogs to escape Shreveport with a 34-34 tie. The Terrapins fell behind 34-20 early in the fourth quarter but rallied to take the lead when Scott Zolak threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Brad Johnson with :52 remaining. However, on the ensuing kickoff, Tech's Lorenzo Baker returned the kick 41 yards to start the Bulldogs' drive on the Maryland 39-yard line. Five plays and 28 yards later, Boniol kicked his second field goal of the game to even the score.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Maryland	14	0	6	14	—	34
Louisiana Tech	0	14	14	6	—	34

1-UM - Jackson 1-yard run (DeArmas kick) 11:59
1-UM - Jackson 2-yard run (DeArmas kick) 5:06
2-LT - Richardson 5-yard run (Boniol kick) 8:30
2-LT - Davis 3-yard run (Boniol kick) 0:17
3-LT- Richardson 1-yard run (Boniol kick) 10:35
3-UM - Jackson 11-yard run (kick failed) 7:44
3-LT - Slaughter 7-yard pass from Johnson (Boniol kick) 5:52
4-LT - Boniol 36-yard field goal 13:52
4-UM - Mason 28-yard pass from Zolak (DeArmas kick) 11.20
4-UM - Johnson 15-yard pass from Zolak (DeArmas kick) 0:52
4-LT - Boniol 28-yard field goal 0:00

	UM	LT
First Downs	16	25
Rushing Yards	191	150
Passing	115	254
Comp-Att-Int	11-18-1	18-28-3
Return Yards	22	3
Punts-Avg.	4-37.2	1-34.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	9-88	6-53

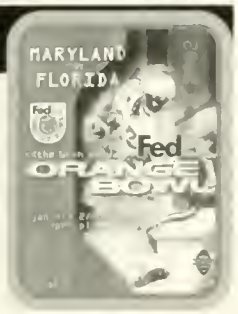
RUSHING-Maryland, Jackson 17-50. La Tech, Richardson 27-81.
PASSING-Maryland, Zolak 7-16-159. La. Tech, Johnson 7-8-70.
RECEIVING: Maryland, Johnson 5-107. La. Tech, Slaughter 5-66.
Att: 48,325

After rallying from a 21-0 halftime deficit, the Terps carried coach Bobby Ross off the field after winning the '84 Sun Bowl.

Len Lynch (63) hoists the 1985 Cherry Bowl trophy.

Clarence Jones (74) lifts Troy Jackson in the air after the Terps' third-quarter score in the '90 Independence Bowl.

ORANGE BOWL



Pro Player Stadium
Miami, Fla.
Jan. 2, 2002

Florida 56
Maryland 23

Maryland made its first bowl appearance since 1990, but fell to the fifth-ranked Florida Gators, 56-23. Florida's Rex Grossman came off the bench to throw for 248 yards and four touchdowns. The Gators jumped out to a 14-0 lead, but the Terps rallied to close to within 14-10. Florida, however, scored five unanswered touchdowns to pull away. Marc Riley rushed for two touchdowns for the Terps. The teams combined for an Orange Bowl record 79 points and 1,019 total yards.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		F
Florida	14	14	21	7	—	56
Maryland	7	3	0	13	—	23

1-UF – Graham 1-yard run (Chandler kick) 9:51
1-UF – Jacobs 46-yard pass from Berlin (Chandler kick) 0:12
1-UM – Williams 64-yard pass from Hill (Novak kick) 0:00
2-UM – Novak 20-yard field goal 12:20
2-UF – Jacobs 15-yard pass from Grossman (Chandler kick) 2:18
2-UF – Gaffney 4-yard pass from Grossman (Chandler kick) 0:03
3-UF – Graham 6-yard run (Chandler kick) 11:22
3-UF – Gillespie 11-yard run (Chandler kick) 7:26
3-UF – Gaffney 33-yard pass from Grossman (Chandler kick) 2:52
4-UM – Riley 1-yard run (Novak kick) 11:56
4-UF – Perez 10-yard pass from Grossman (Chandler kick) 10:16
4-UM – Riley 10-yard run (Novak kick) 5:10

	UM	UF
First Downs	19	30
Rushing Yards	103	203
Passing	257	456
Comp-Att-Int	23-39-1	33-49-2
Return Yards	189	93
Punts-Avg	5-46.2	2-53.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-20	6-43

RUSHING-Maryland, Hill 11-31. Florida, Graham 16-149.
PASSING-Maryland, Hill 23-39-257. Florida, Grossman 20-28-248.
RECEIVING-Maryland, Murphy 5-42. Florida, Jacobs 10-170.
Att: 73,640

Marc Riley ran for two touchdowns, including this 10-yard run in the fourth quarter.

PEACH BOWL

Georgia Dome
Atlanta, Ga.
Dec. 31, 2002

Maryland 30
Tennessee 3

The Terps posted their first bowl win since 1985 with a dominating performance over the Tennessee Volunteers. QB Scott McBrien ran for a pair of touchdowns, Nick Novak booted three field goals, All-America linebacker E.J. Henderson registered 12 solo tackles, and cornerback Curome Cox returned an interception for a touchdown to highlight Maryland's performance. The Terps never trailed in the game, taking their opening possession in for a touchdown on a one-yard run by McBrien and taking a 17-3 lead into intermission. It was the most lopsided bowl loss in UT history.

Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
Tennessee	0	3	0	0	3
Maryland	7	10	3	10	30

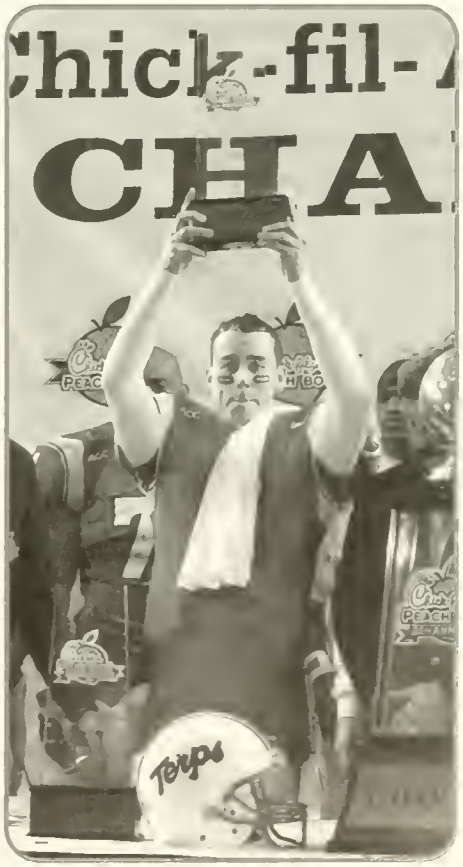
1-UM – McBrien 1 run (Novak kick) 6:00
2-UM – Cox 54 interception return (Novak kick) 11:32
2-UT – Walls 38 field goal 4:46
2-UM – Novak 48 field goal 0:47
3-UM – Novak 44 field goal 6:48
4-UM – McBrien 6 run (Novak kick) 12:55
4-UM – Novak 25 field goal 4:12

	UT	UM
First Downs	18	17
Rushing Yards	45	154
Passing	242	120
Comp-Att-Int	23-37-1	11-19-0
Return Yards	85	177
Punts-Avg	6-47.7	3-50.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-68	2-10

RUSHING-Maryland, Perry 15-50. Tennessee, Houston 9-34.
PASSING-Maryland, McBrien, 11-19-0-120. Tennessee, Clausen 23-37-1-242.
RECEIVING-Maryland, Harrison 4-74. Tennessee, Brown 5-75.
Att: 68,330.

Curome Cox set a school bowl record with a 54-yard interception return for touchdown in the Peach Bowl.

Seniors Todd Wike and Durrand Roundtree show off the 2002 Peach Bowl trophy.



Quarterback Scott McBrien was named the Peach Bowl's Offensive MVP.

ALL-TIME BOWL GAME RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Rushing Yards
165 (23 carries), Lu Gambino vs. Georgia, 1948 Gator
153 (28), Ed Modzelewski vs. Tennessee, 1952 Sugar
159 (39), Charlie Wysocki vs. Florida, 1980 Tangerine
132 (24), Alvin Blount vs. Syracuse, 1985 Cherry
127 (20), Steve Atkins vs. Florida, 1975 Gator
126 (29), Louis Carter vs. Georgia, 1973 Peach
108 (8), Ed Vereb vs. Oklahoma, 1956 Orange
107 (12), Tommy Neal vs. Tennessee, 1984 Sun

Rushing Attempts
39, Charlie Wysocki vs. Florida, 1980 Tangerine

Rushing Touchdowns
3, Troy Jackson vs. Louisiana Tech, 1990 Independence

Longest Touchdown Run
57 yards, Tommy Neal vs. Tennessee, 1984 Sun

Passing Yards
257 (23 of 39, 1 TD, 1 Int.), Shaun Hill vs. Florida, 2002 Orange
251 (19 of 32, 2 TD, 1 Int.), Boomer Esiason vs. Washington, 1982 Aloha
223 (14 of 20, 2 TD, 1 Int.), Stan Gelbaugh vs. Syracuse, 1985 Cherry
215 (17 of 28, 1 TD, 3 Int.), Scott Zolak vs. Louisiana Tech, 1990 Independence
211 (12 of 20, 0 TD, 1 Int.), Larry Dick vs. Minnesota, 1977 Hall of Fame
201 (17 of 28, 1 TD, 1 Int.), Frank Reich vs. Tennessee, 1984 Sun

Pass Completions
23, Shaun Hill vs. Florida, 2002 Orange

Pass Attempts
39, Shaun Hill vs. Florida, 2002 Orange

Passing Touchdowns
2, Boomer Esiason vs. Washington, 1982 Aloha
2, Stan Gelbaugh vs. Syracuse, 1985 Cherry
2, Scott Zolak vs. Louisiana Tech, 1990 Independence

Lu Gambino holds the Maryland record for rushing yards in a game with 165, gained in the '48 Gator Bowl.

Longest Touchdown pass
68, Louis Carter to Walter White vs. Georgia, 1973 Peach

Total Offense
288 yards (31 run, 257 pass), Shaun Hill vs. Florida, 2002 Orange
252 yards (1 run, 251 pass), Boomer Esiason vs. Washington, 1983 Aloha

Receptions
8 (126 yards), Charlie White vs. Minnesota, 1977 Hall of Fame

Receiving Yards
126 (8 rec., 0 TD), Charlie White vs. Minnesota, 1977 Hall of Fame
107 (5 rec., 1 TD), Barry Johnson vs. Louisiana Tech, 1990 Independence
106 (2 rec., 1 TD), Walter White vs. Georgia, 1973 Peach

Touchdown Receptions
1, Lu Gambino from John Baroni, 1948 Gator
1, Bob Shemonski from Ed Fullerton, 1952 Gator
1, Walter White from Louis Carter, 1973 Peach
1, Kim Hoover from Larry Dick, 1975 Gator
1, Eric Sievers from Mark Manges, 1977 Cotton
1, Dave D'Addio from Boomer Esiason, 1982 Aloha
1, John Tice from Boomer Esiason, 1982 Aloha
1, Ferrell Edmunds from Frank Reich, 1984 Sun
1, Chris Knight from Stan Gelbaugh, 1985 Cherry
1, Azizuddin Abdur-Ra'oof from Stan Gelbaugh, 1985 Cherry
1, Mark Mason from Scott Zolak, 1990 Independence
1, Barry Johnson from Scott Zolak, 1990 Independence
1, Jafar Williams from Shaun Hill, 2002 Orange

All-Purpose Yardage
189 (165 rush, 24 rec.), Lu Gambino vs. Georgia, 1948 Gator
184 (93 rush, 47 rec., 44 ret.), Mark Mason vs. Louisiana Tech, 1990 Independence

Touchdowns Responsible For
3, Lu Gambino (35 run, 1 run, 24 rec.) vs. Missouri, 1948 Gator
3, Ed Fullerton (2 run, 7 pass, 46 int.) vs. Tennessee, 1952 Sugar
3, Troy Jackson (2 run, 2 run, 11 run) vs. Louisiana Tech, 1990 Independence

Field Goals
5 (18, 48, 31, 22, 26 yds.), Jess Atkinson vs. Tennessee, 1983 Citrus
4 (35, 27, 27, 43 yds.), Dale Castro vs. Florida, 1980 Tangerine

Longest Field Goal
48 yards, Jess Atkinson vs. Tennessee, 1983 Citrus
48 yards, Nick Novak vs. Tennessee, 2002 Peach

Punting Average
53.0 (3 for 159 yds.), Lynn Beightol vs. Oklahoma, 1956 Orange
52.4 (5 for 262 yds.), Mike Sochko vs. Houston, 1977 Cotton

Longest Punt
77 yards, Mike Sochko vs. Houston, 1977 Cotton

Longest Kickoff Return
80 yards, Tommy Neal vs. Tennessee, 1983 Citrus

Fumble Return for a TD
8 yard return, Scott Tye vs. Syracuse, 1985 Cherry

Interception Return for a TD
54 yard return, Curome Cox vs. Tennessee, 2002 Peach

TEAM RECORDS

First Downs
25, 1990 Independence (12 rush, 9 pass, 4 pen.) vs. Louisiana Tech

First Downs Rushing
14, 1952 Sugar vs. Tennessee

First Downs Passing
12, 1983 Citrus vs. Tennessee

Fewest First Downs
9, 1956 Orange vs. Oklahoma

Rushing Yards
289 yards, 1952 Sugar vs. Tennessee

Rushing Attempts
54, 1980 Tangerine (177 yards) vs. Florida
54, 1984 Sun (229 yards) vs. Tennessee

Rushing Touchdowns
3, 1950 Gator vs. Missouri
3, 1984 Sun vs. Tennessee
3, 1990 Independence vs. Louisiana Tech

Fewest Rushing Yards
68, 1982 Aloha vs. Washington

Passing Yards
257 yards, 2002 Orange vs. Florida

Pass Completions
23, 2002 Orange vs. Florida

Pass Attempts
43, 1978 Sun vs. Texas (17 completions)

Passing Touchdowns
2, 1982 Aloha vs. Washington
2, 1985 Cherry vs. Syracuse
2, 1990 Independence vs. Louisiana Tech

Fewest Passing Yards
16, 1950 Gator vs. Missouri

Total Yards
467, 1985 Cherry vs. Syracuse (244 rush, 223 pass)

Fewest Total Yards
212, 1954 Orange vs. Oklahoma

Pass Interceptions
4, 1952 Sugar vs. Tennessee

Fumbles Lost
3, 1973 Peach vs. Georgia
3, 1974 Liberty vs. Tennessee

Penalty Yards
120 on 12 penalties, 1952 Sugar vs. Tennessee

TESTUDO: TALE OF THE TOP SHELL

Testudo celebrating the Terps' ACC championship in 2002.

Testudo is a Diamondback turtle. Like some other famous personages born into the Depression of the 1930s, the derivation of his name is cloudy. But it is likely that his moniker is derived from the scientific classification for turtle (testudines). Or the top turtle could be named after testudo gigantia, a species native to the African nation of Seychelles and one of its remote islands, Aldabra. Or the name could have come from a dictionary definition that says the word, testudo, was derived from the Latin and meant a shelter held over the head of Roman soldiers – like a tortoise shell. These explanations are a long way from the Chesapeake Bay where the Diamondback lives.

When Testudo had his coming out on May 23, 1933, he was thrown into a world filled with intimidating mascots – Wildcats, Tigers, Devils, Wolves, Bears – thought up over a half-century of intercollegiate competition. Maryland College Park was consolidated from different state schools in 1920 to form the base of today's wide-ranging state system, and the remodeled Maryland needed a flag carrier to do battle with Wahoos, Lions and Generals.

Dr. H.C. Byrd, a football coach who later became University President, recommended the Diamondback as mascot in 1932 in response to the student newspaper's search for an "official" leader. Byrd's childhood in Crisfield, Md., apparently included skirmishes with this brand of snapping turtle, indigenous to the Bay. The school paper was in fact already called The Diamondback, and when the Class of 1933 stepped forward with the idea of giving the University a permanent bronzed version as its graduation gift, Testudo's family was in to stay.

Maryland had been referring to itself as Old Liners, yet another name whose derivation of which no one seems sure. Historians are in a scrimmage over whether the nickname is a reference to a Revolutionary War Troop of Maryland soldiers who distinguished themselves on the field of battle, or they feel it could refer to a squabble with Pennsylvanians over just where the border between the two states should be.

The Class of '33 raised money for casting a Diamondback by holding its Senior Prom on campus to save money on expenses. And the yearbook and Student Government Association chipped in. Edwin C. Mayo, Class of '04 and a former quarterback, donated at cost the 300 pound bronzed beauty as President of Gorham Manufacturing in Providence, R.I. Robert J. Hill cast the inspired sculpture accomplished by company artist Aristide Cianfrani. Further turtleization came when the student yearbook, The Reveille, became The Terrapin in 1935. Newspapers, even then exploring every angle, shortened Terrapin to Terp for headline writing ease when it wasn't trying to cram Old Liner into a single column head. The name was in place; now came the stuff of legend.

A bronze statue of Testudo overlooks Byrd Stadium from in front of the Gossett Team House.

Maryland features a 20-foot high balloon version of Testudo beyond the east end zone.

The Diamondback Terrapin

The Diamondback Terrapin (Malaclemys terrapin) was made the State reptile and official mascot of the University of Maryland College Park in 1994 (Chapter 476, Acts of 1994; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-313).

Chesapeake diamondbacks are distinguished by diamond-shaped, concentric rings on the scutes of their upper shells. They are predators whose preference for unpolluted saltwater make them indicators of healthy marsh and river systems. In winter, they hibernate under water in mud. Around late May, diamondback terrapin emerge to mate, nest, and bask in the sun on coastal dunes or narrow sandy beaches.

Chesapeake colonists ate terrapin prepared Native-American fashion, roasted whole in live coals. Abundant and easy to catch, terrapin were so ample that landowners often fed their slaves and indentured servants a staple diet of terrapin meat. Later, in the 19th century, the turtle was appreciated as gourmet food, especially in a stew laced with cream and sherry. Subsequently, tremendous retail demand and heavy fishing of the terrapin nearly depleted its supply, and protective laws were enacted.

In 1891, some 89,000 lbs. of terrapin were harvested from Maryland waters. With few exceptions, annual harvests since 1956 have remained below 11,000 lbs.

Detailed information about the turtle's biology and living habits can be found in the National Aquarium in Baltimore's "Puffin Report" about the Terrapin.

"Strive for clarity, but accept and understand ambiguity."

That phrase captures one way in which an educated person approaches the world and its challenges. Students who graduate from the University of Maryland have been exposed to the tools that allow them to put that perspective to work. Imparting such a perspective may be an ambitious project for undergraduate education, but to aim for anything less would be unworthy of a great university's goals for its students. Thirteen years ago, Promises to Keep, a plan for undergraduate education at Maryland, articulated those goals so eloquently we repeat them here.

Undergraduate education at Maryland "aims to provide students with a sense of identity and purpose, a concern for others, a sense of responsibility for the quality of life around them, a continuing eagerness for knowledge and understanding, and a foundation for a lifetime of personal enrichment."

As we learn with and from one another, we try to "develop human values," "celebrate tolerance and fairness," "contribute to the social conscience," "monitor and assess private and collective assumptions," and "recognize the glory, tragedy and humor of the human condition." Your years at the University of Maryland can provide you with all the tools you need to accomplish these goals. Students here are "educated to be able to read with perception and pleasure, write and speak with clarity and verve, handle numbers and computation proficiently, reason mathematically, generate clear questions and find probable arguments, reach substantiated conclusions and accept ambiguity."

And we also hope you enjoy the journey.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

The Campus

By virtually every measure of quality, the University of Maryland has gained national recognition as one of the fastest-rising comprehensive research institutions in the country. The momentum of recent years has poised the university to move it into the top ranks of higher education and take leadership in shaping the research university of the 21st century.

The university has enjoyed a decade of momentum in all of the areas that affect quality. The average high school GPA of entering students has zoomed from 3.01 to nearly 3.90, and the average SATs are now more than 1270. The student body is a model of diversity, with minorities making up more than 32 percent of all students, and at least one graduate and undergraduate student from every state in the nation.

The university has 67 graduate and undergraduate programs ranked in the Top 25 by *U.S. News and World Report*, up from just one program in 1991.

Sponsored research and outreach has nearly tripled in the same 10-year period, exceeding $350 million last year. Private giving also has increased, and the university last year concluded its first campaign by topping its $350 million goal by more than $100 million. Alumni Association membership has been growing at an average rate of 10 percent a year since 1992.

One of the largest research universities in the United States, Fall 2002 enrollment was 25,240 undergraduate and 9,561 graduate students. There are 94 undergraduate programs, 89 master's programs, 70 doctoral programs and one first professional degree program. More than 100 centers and institutes are engaged in research and outreach.

Faculty at the University of Maryland, in all fields of knowledge, are engaged at the highest levels of national and international concern. The university's location near the center of federal policy-making and international political and economic activity enables it to play an active role in research and analysis of public policy.

Maryland is one of 30 public universities in the prestigious 63-member Association of American Universities and the only public institution in the Maryland-D.C. area with membership in the nation's most distinguished honor society, Phi Beta Kappa.

Libraries

Seven libraries make up the University of Maryland library system: McKeldin (main) Library, Architecture Library, Art Library, Engineering and Physical Sciences Library, Hornbake Library, Performing Arts Library and White Memorial (Chemistry) Library.

These libraries constitute the largest university research library institution in the Washington metropolitan area, providing vital resources to researchers, visiting scholars, and businesses throughout the region. The libraries' holdings include more than 2.5 million volumes, 24,000 subscriptions to periodicals and nearly 5 million items available in microfilm format.

Research

Opportunities for conducting research abound at the University of Maryland, College Park, and in the surrounding area, both for faculty to advance their own expertise and bring their insights into the classroom, and for students to begin their exploration of their unique interests with practical experience. On campus, special facilities and a number of organized research centers, bureaus and institutes promote the acquisition and analysis of new knowledge in the arts, sciences and applied fields.

The university's enviable location — just nine miles from downtown Washington, D.C., and approximately 30 miles from both Baltimore and Annapolis — enhances the research of its faculty and students by providing access to some of the finest libraries and research centers in the country.

Service

Programs of public service are central to the overall mission of the university. The philosophy is reflected in the wide array of programs and initiatives that benefit the state's business, agriculture and education communities.

With more than 90 high-technology firms in the three-county area of Montgomery, Prince George's and Frederick counties, the university has found abundant opportunity to extend its business and technology outreach programs to the region. Many of these programs are part of the Engineering Research Center, which operates the Technology Advancement Program and the Maryland Industrial Partnerships, programs designed to provide Maryland entrepreneurs and small businesses with research facilities, technical assistance, administrative support and access to technology that will advance their economic base.

The Institute for Systems Research has formed partnerships with major corporations, including Lockheed Martin, Westinghouse, BF Goodrich, Hughes Aircraft and Dupont to apply advanced systems research to solving industry problems in the fields of communications, manufacturing, controls and robotics.

The university last year opened the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, with its six state-of-the art performance halls, which has quickly become a center of cultural programming in the Washington metropolitan area. The university also boasts four art galleries and a broad range of public art throughout the beautiful campus. Additionally intercollegiate, club and intramural sports provide students of all levels an opportunity to participate as spectators or athletes.

Did You Know?

In 1991, Maryland had one program listed among Top 25 entrants in the *U.S. News & World Report* Rankings. Maryland now has 67 programs ranked among the nation's elite, and the university is ranked 18th nationally among public universities.

A report card published in *Technology Review* rated the top U.S. universities in their quest for intellectual property, commercial partners and profits. Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland (28th) were the Mid-Atlantic (Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia) schools to make the "campus patenting" top 50 list.

Black Issues In Higher Education ranked the university fourth nationally in bachelor's degrees earned by African-American students at traditionally white schools. Maryland ranks first in African-American undergraduate degrees in social sciences and history.

The Wall Street Journal ranked the Robert H. Smith School of Business No. 16 among the world's business schools. Maryland is the top-ranked school in the Mid-Atlantic region (Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia). *The Financial Times of London* ranked the Robert H. Smith School of Business No. 8 in information technology, No. 6 in faculty research and No. 7 in entrepreneurship.

In the only undergraduate program rankings released by *U.S. News & World Report*–business and engineering–both the Robert H. Smith School of Business (No. 18) and A. James Clark School of Engineering (No. 24) were ranked among the top 25. The university also ranked in the top 25 for its learning communities (3rd), first-year experience (12th) and service learning programs (24th).

An economic impact study conducted by the economists with the Jacob France Center, an applied economics analysis center at the University of Baltimore, concluded that the University of Maryland generates $5.93 of economic activity for every dollar appropriated by the General Assembly, for a total statewide effect of nearly $1.8 billion.

Nobel Laureate William Phillips joined the university's physics faculty and is establishing a world-class atomic, molecular and optical physics group on campus. The Philip Merrill College of Journalism now has five Pulitzer Prize winners on its faculty. A sixth faculty member, Eugene Roberts, directed the *Philadelphia Inquirer* to multiple Pulitzers as managing editor.

More, Better Students Go To Maryland

There is no place better to be than the University of Maryland. As university President C.D. Mote Jr. noted in a recent *Baltimore Sun* front-page story, "This place is clearly on a tear."

With top-ranked academic programs (67 in the top 25, according to *U.S. News and World Report*), an honors program that competes with the Ivy League for top students, a prize-winning faculty (topped by a Nobel and six Pulitzers, among others), a highly diverse population, and a beautiful 1,580-acre campus located between the cultural and population centers of Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Md., it's little wonder that more of Maryland's top high school graduates choose the University of Maryland over all other Maryland colleges, public and private, combined.

In the latest *U.S. News and World Report* rankings, Maryland was 18th nationally among all public universities. The colleges of engineering, education, computer, mathematical and physical sciences, and information sciences are all ranked in the top 25 nationally. So are many of the individual programs in those schools and others, including criminology, journalism, public relations, counseling and others. The Robert H. Smith School of Business has been ranked among the top business schools in the world by the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Financial Times of London*.

More than 40 percent of all entering freshmen at Maryland are now enrolled in high-achieving programs like the Honors Program, Honors Humanities, College Park Scholars, Gemstone and a growing roster of living-learning communities where students with common interests in such topics as civil society and entrepreneurship can live and study together. With their wide variety of subject areas and top faculty from throughout the university, these programs compete for students with the best public and private universities in the country.

Supporting the research needs of students and faculty are some of the country's best research facilities. In 1994, the largest, most technically advanced research archives in the world — National Archives II — moved to College Park. In addition, just outside of College Park are the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institution and the National Libraries of Agriculture and Medicine, among others. The university itself has the most comprehensive library system in the area.

C.D. MOTE JR.

University president
(California '51)
Sixth year

When C. D. "Dan" Mote Jr. became the 19th president of the University of Maryland on Sept. 1, 1998, he proclaimed it a university "on the move." Five years later, under his guidance, Maryland continues to move – at an ever-accelerating rate – on the field, in the classroom, in the community and in the world.

Leading a great university is a big job, but it's a role that Mote is accustomed to, having spent his entire academic career at the University of California at Berkeley, where he earned all his degrees, chaired one of the nation's top-ranked departments of Mechanical Engineering, and eventually became Vice Chancellor for University Relations before coming to Maryland.

The University of Maryland is the State of Maryland's most important asset, says Mote: "The future of the state depends on this university."

As president, Mote is committed to making that asset even greater by nourishing a culture of excellence and civility across the campus, providing the highest quality education for students, strengthening the university's connections with its various stakeholders, building partnerships with State and national corporations and federal agencies and achieving distinction as an institution where discovery takes place every day and everywhere.

The university's progress can be seen in every area, from its nationally-ranked programs to its growing range of partnerships to its world-class, state-of-the-art facilities.

Quality Programs

Over the past decade, the quality of Maryland's programs has grown by leaps and bounds. In 2003, the University of Maryland moved up to 18th place among public universities in *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, the first time it has broken into the top 20 in its steady climb to distinction. We currently have 49 graduate and undergraduate programs and units ranked in the top 15 by *U.S. News & World Report*, up from 5 eight years ago.

While our academic successes have spread across the board, the university has emerged as a true powerhouse in business, computer science, earth sciences, engineering, environmental policy, education and journalism. Maryland is one of only 10 public and private universities that have their programs in computer science, mathematics, physics, and engineering each ranked in the top 20, and the Robert H. Smith School of Business is one of 6 nationally ranked in both the top 10 Business Faculty in Teaching and the top 10 Business Faculty in Research.

Faculty Stature

With the addition during Mote's third year of a Nobel Laureate in Physics and three more Pulitzer Prize winners (to join three already on the faculty), Maryland continues to attract the best faculty available. This past year a faculty member was the recipient of the Japan Prize, an award given by the Japanese government in technology that is equivalent to the Nobel prizes. More than 30 of our faculty are members of the national academies, the highest professional recognition attainable.

Experts on the Maryland faculty are regularly sought by the news media for their views on a wide variety of issues, including political events, international affairs, social trends, economics, the environment, science and technology.

Talented Students

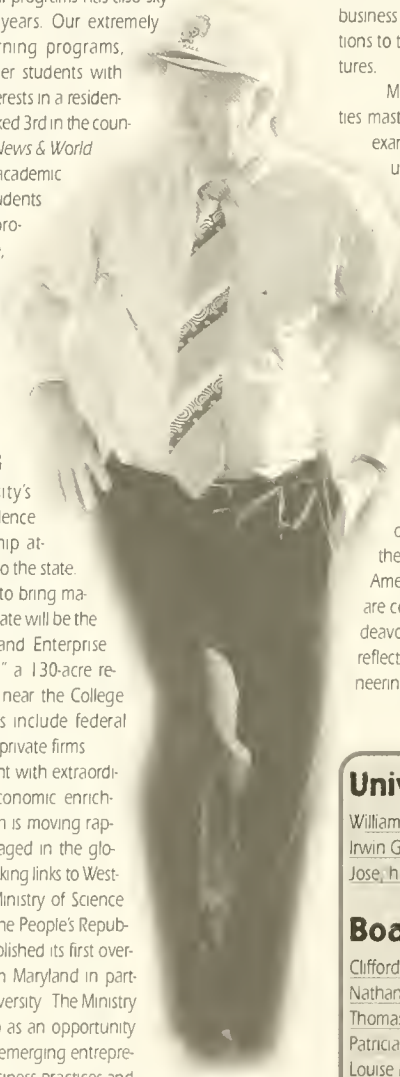
Over the past 10 years, it has become a cliché to announce that each year's new freshman class is the most talented ever. The average GPA of entering students in fall 2003 is 3.9, while the average SAT score is nearly 1,300.

Not surprisingly, the number of students enrolling in honors and other special programs has also skyrocketed in recent years. Our extremely popular living-learning programs, which bring together students with similar academic interests in a residential setting, were ranked 3rd in the country in the latest *U.S. News & World Report*. In the last academic year, over 6,000 students enrolled in such programs as Gemstone, College Park Scholars, and the Hinman CEO Entrepreneurship Program.

Business Partnerships

The university's reputation for excellence and entrepreneurship attracts new partners to the state. A key drawing card to bring major players into the state will be the University of Maryland Enterprise Campus, "M Square," a 130-acre research park located near the College Park Metro. Tenants include federal agency centers and private firms.

A future tenant with extraordinary promise for economic enrichment is China, which is moving rapidly to become engaged in the global economy and seeking links to Western industry. The Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China has established its first overseas research park in Maryland in partnership with the University. The Ministry sees this partnership as an opportunity to introduce China's emerging entrepreneurs to Western business practices and establish contacts with state's businesses and to serve as a base for China's technology entrée to the U.S.



Mote on the sidelines at Byrd, supporting the Terps.

Under Mote's leadership the university also helped to attract Fujitsu Laboratories of America to open a research facility in College Park. Fujitsu, the third-largest communications company in the world, shares a building with the Joint Global Change Research Institute, a research partnership between the university and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

In order to fulfill its role as the state's most important asset, Mote has emphasized that the university must be engaged with the business and government communities in substantial and meaningful ways. In recent years, Maryland has assisted hundreds of Maryland businesses through its Technology Extension Program and Maryland Industrial Partnerships program, and incubated some of the most successful state biotech firms, including Martek and Digene, in its Technology Advancement Program.

World-Class Facilities

During Mote's second year in office, the university began the largest building boom in its history, with more than $100 million in new projects breaking ground that year. New facilities address every aspect of university life, from the arts to recreation, to classrooms and laboratories, and, in creative partnership with the private sector, new residential facilities.

Highlights of the construction activity on the campus include the stunning Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center; the Comcast Center; new classrooms for chemistry, computer science, business and engineering; new residence halls; extensive renovations to the Adele Stamp Student Union; and new parking structures.

Mote also has led the development of a new campus facilities master plan that aims at making the university a leader by example in environmental stewardship. In April 2003, the university was recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Wildlife Foundation for environmental achievements, including the environmentally friendly master plan and the creation of a cogeneration power system that will significantly reduce energy consumption.

Athletic Excellence

Mote sees athletics as an integral part of the university experience. Indeed athletic success more often than not reflects academic success. He notes. For example, all four of the teams that played in the 2002 NCAA basketball Final Four, including Maryland, are members of the prestigious Association of American Universities, the organization that comprises the leading research and academic universities in North America. "That's no accident," Mote says. "Institutions that are committed to excellence tend to be excellent in every endeavor. Our successes in basketball, lacrosse and other sports reflects our culture of quality as much as our successes in engineering, business, education and journalism."

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DEBORAH A. YOW

Athletics Director
10th year

Deborah A. Yow is in the tenth year of her outstanding tenure as director of athletics at the University of Maryland, a year that has seen unprecedented success and achievement in Maryland athletics. Each year has brought about continued improvement and accomplishment in Terrapin athletics. In Yow's nine years at Maryland, the Terrapins have won a remarkable nine NCAA national championships as Maryland athletics has soared to new heights.

The comprehensive success of Terrapin athletics under Debbie Yow's leadership is a clear and compelling testimony of her values of excellence, teamwork and accountability.

Likewise, her election to the presidency of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics three years ago is an indication of the wide respect with which she is regarded among its 6,100 members representing 1,600 colleges in the U.S. and Canada. She was recently singled out by *Street and Smith Sports Business Journal* as one of the leading administrators in the U.S. and she received the Carl Maddox Sport Management Award presented by the United States Sports Academy for excellence in athletics administration. Yow was selected to serve on the U.S. Department of Education's Commission on Opportunities in Athletics to review the status of Federal Title IX regulations, as well as the chair of the Atlantic Coast Conference Committee on Television for the 2003-04 academic year. The committee, comprised of the ACC's athletics directors, is charged with overseeing the league's TV contracts and dealing with issues related to television. Additionally, in May, she was chosen as one of three recipients of the 2003 Women of the Year award by Women in Sports and Events.

Yow, who recently served on the NCAA Management Council and the NCAA Division I Budget Committee, is a strong and steady voice on behalf of intercollegiate athletics in America. Since taking over as AD at Maryland in 1994, she and her staff have:

- Transformed Terrapin athletics into a responsible, goal-oriented organization.
- Balanced all nine of the annual department's budgets (the first balanced budget in the 10 years prior to her arrival). The budget has now reached $42 million annually and the sizable prior accumulated operating debts have been eradicated.
- Greatly enhanced the academic support services provided for student-athletes, with an enviable exhausted eligibility graduation rate of approximately 85 percent.
- Led the Terrapins to a national all-sports ranking in the upper 15 percent of all NCAA Division I institutions.
- Significantly expanded marketing and fund-raising efforts on behalf of Terrapin athletics. As a result, private gifts to athletics have increased 240 percent and corporate sponsorship revenues have increased by 275 percent during her tenure at Maryland.
- Continued to dramatically improve venues and facilities for the department's 25 teams.
- Implemented a strategic management model.
- Developed a comprehensive Internet strategy with management, marketing and fund-raising applications.
- Significantly improved customer care in every area.

The most recent achievements of Maryland athletics are exceptional:

- Selected recently by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the Top 20 athletic programs in the nation (for overall quality and competitive excellence).
- In football, won the 2002 Atlantic Coast Conference championship and played in the 2002 Orange Bowl and followed this with an 11-win season and a 30-3 victory over the University of Tennessee in the Peach Bowl in December. In men's basketball, the Terps advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament following its second consecutive Final Four and the National Championship in 2002. The Terps are among only a few NCAA institutions to have achieved this level in both these revenue sports in the same year.
- Additionally, Maryland is one of only five universities to win a National Championship in both basketball and football (UCLA, Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State and Maryland).
- Hired the Associated Press National Coach of the Year, Brenda Frese, as the new women's basketball coach.
- Hired Dave Cottle, the third-winningest active men's lacrosse coach in the U.S.
- Field Hockey played for the National Championship in 2001.
- Women's Lacrosse has continued its winning ways and has won seven consecutive national championships through 2001.
- Enhancing football facilities significantly with Team House and practice field upgrades.
- Moved into the new $125 million Comcast Center.
- The athletics budget was balanced for the ninth consecutive year.
- In 2002-03, 10 Maryland teams competed in NCAA postseason play.
- The productivity, morale, and the competitive and academic achievement of Terrapin athletics are exceptional and continue to gain momentum.

Regarding the many achievements of Terrapin athletics over the past nine years, Yow says, ***"We are pleased, but we are not satisfied... our vision is to be one of the top 10 programs in the nation consistently... we see no reason to settle for less."***

Yow is known for her goal-oriented and proactive management style. She consistently inspires and challenges those around her to ***"raise our sights and sharpen our tools... to work hard and smart...to recognize that our only limitations are those that we place upon ourselves."***

As a manager and a leader, she clearly models these principles. She is the only known current AD in NCAA Division I who has hired both the National Coach of the Year in football (while at Maryland) and the National Coach of the Year in men's basketball (while at Saint Louis University). Yow is known as "a coach's AD," while also be highly organized, strategic and proactive leader and administrator. Quite simply, Debbie Yow personifies the relational and management dynamics that are necessary to be an excellent administrator.

A successful former coach at the University of Kentucky and University of Florida, she moved into athletics administration at the University of Florida and the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, followed by a successful tenure as AD at Saint Louis University.

She has authored numerous articles and books on athletics management and human behavior, and is a respected leader in intercollegiate athletics in the United States.

Reflecting on the status of the Terrapin football program, Maryland's Director of Athletics points out, "Our 2001 ACC Championship and 2002 Peach Bowl champion football team is an important part of our emergence as a preeminent national athletics program. Our football coaches care greatly about their players and their welfare. They emphasize the great importance of going to class, being good students and getting their college degree. Parents of our football players understand that these young men are in good hands with this wonderful staff of coaches. Our young men in Terrapin football have a full range of support in training, academics and career guidance from our coaches and staff of caring specialists. ***We are winning in the classroom and on the football field."***

Summing up the entire athletics program, our athletics director recently stated, "We have the finest student-athletes, coaches, support staff and administrative team in America. It is because of their courage, hard work and cooperative spirit that we now have a strong, viable athletic program. I am immensely proud of each of them. I am equally proud of our Terrapin fans who buy tickets, our Terrapin Club members who faithfully support the Maryland athletic program with their donations for scholarships, and the 'M' Club members who serve and give liberally. We are also blessed with a terrific President Dr. Dan Mote, who has fostered a mindset of excellence across our institution. he is a strong and balanced advocate for what he calls 'the three As of the University — **A**cademics, the **A**rts and **A**thletics.' We have a great Terrapin family. That's the foundation for all of our success... and the basis for our bright future. It's a great time to be a Terp."

Yow on stage with head coach Ralph Friedgen after the Terps won the 2002 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl.

THE MIGHTY SOUND OF MARYLAND

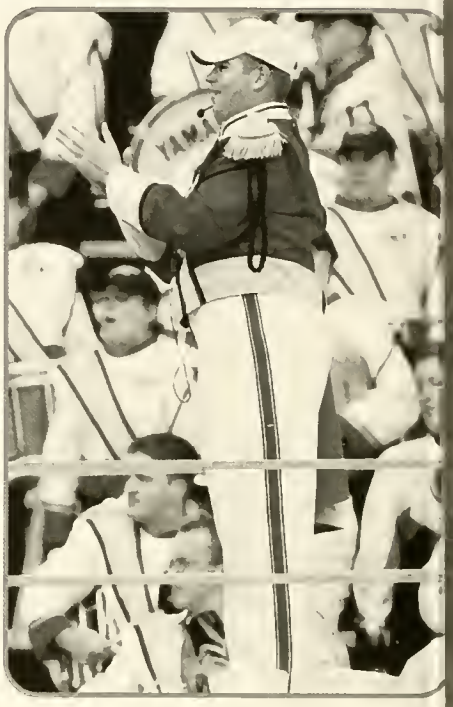
The University of Maryland Marching Band has long been an integral part of the spectacle, excitement and tradition of Terrapin football. Whether it be on-the-field presentations at halftime, its cheering choruses and energetic musical selections in the stands, or public appearances as representatives of the university, the marching band has developed a tradition of excellence.

In addition to performing at every home game and selected road games, the band makes frequent appearances at professional sporting events and civic functions. Recent performances have taken them to Hamburg, Barcelona, Paris, Scotland and Rio de Janeiro.

Open to all students with previous musical experience, the eight bands that form the University of Maryland Band Program provide rewarding musical experiences for more than 400 students studying in nearly all of the colleges of the university. There are approximately 250 members in the Mighty Sound of Maryland, including instrumentalists, percussionists, flag handlers, dancers, twirlers and drum majors.

The band is under the direction of Dr. L. Richmond Sparks.

Complementing the efforts of the "Mighty Sound" are the Terrapin cheerleaders, under the direction of Tina Simijoski and Lura Fleece.



Maryland Victory Song

Maryland, we're all behind you.
Wave high the black and gold,
For there is nothing half so glorious
As to see our men victorious.
We've got the team, boys,
We've got the steam, boys,
So keep on fighting, don't give in!
M-A-R-Y-L-A-N-D
Maryland will win.

Maryland Alma Mater

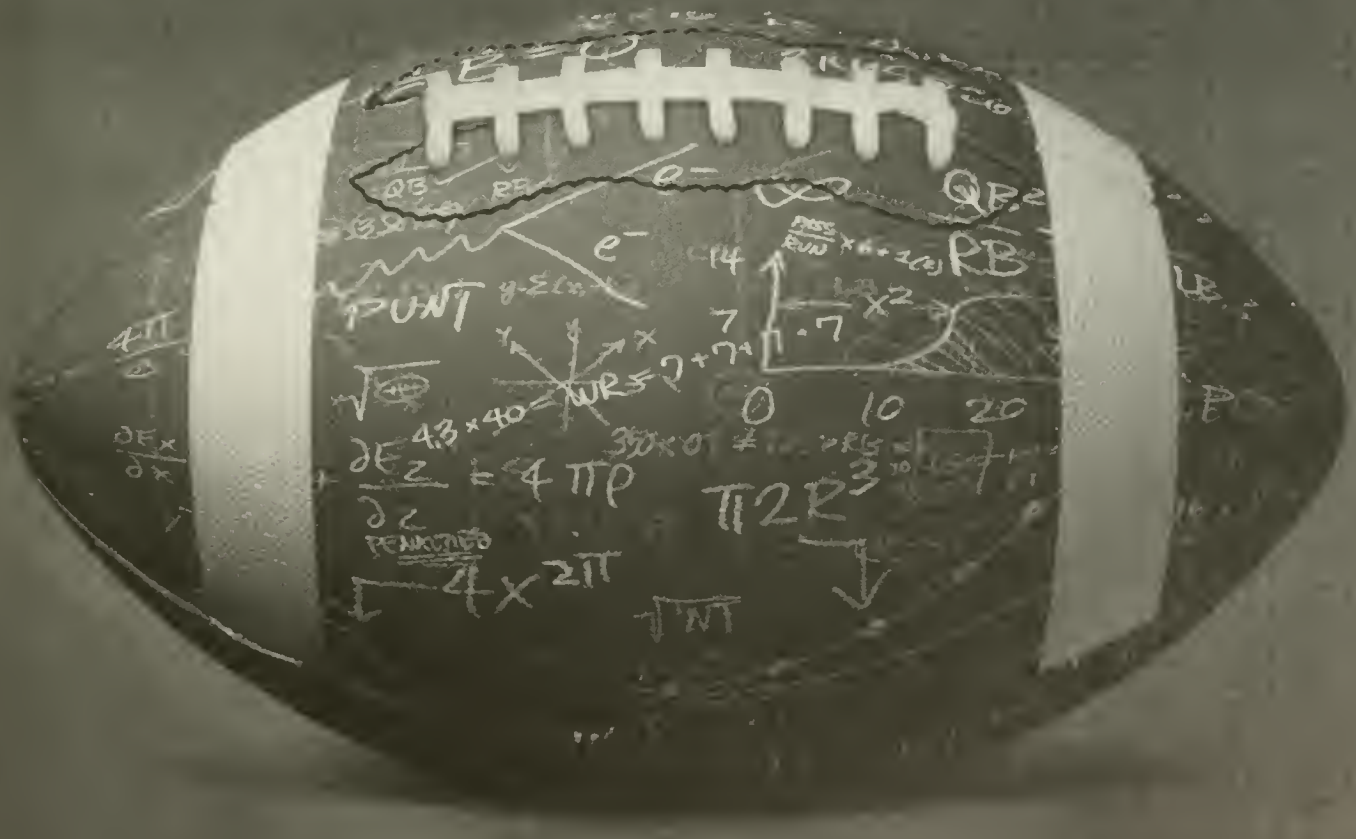
Hail Alma Mater!
Hail to thee, Maryland!
Steadfast in loyalty,
For thee we stand.

Love for black and gold,
Deep in our hearts we hold,
Singing thy praise forever
Throughout the land.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL 2003

BRAIN Power

It's the muscle inside the helmet and beneath the headset that counts most



FOOTBALL IS A CHESS GAME with ambulances in waiting. Its long pauses elevate the significance of strategy and preparation. During the week coaches work past midnight searching for opponents' weaknesses, and players spend hours poring over film. On game day each play is a symphony of decisions in the coaching booth, on the sideline and on the field. What's at work? *Football intelligen*

It can be a beautiful thing when bodies and brains are in harmony: USC's Student Body Right i '70s, Florida's Fun 'n' Gun in the '90s, Oklahoma's defense to begin the new century. Each re intelligence applied to the crash of bodies on the football field. And that is how you win.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL 2003

THE X'S AND O'S WIZ RALPH FRIEDGEN, MARYLAND

He is the man behind a near-mythical 600-page playbook, from which Maryland draws 15 basic running plays with more than 100 variations and 100 pass plays with nearly 1,000 variations. The third-year Terps coach, who spent 31 years as an assistant, credits his father, Ralph Sr., a former high school coach, for teaching him how to turn X's and O's into W's. "I don't think there are geniuses in football," says Friedgen, who often comes up with ideas for new plays in church. "I'm just a guy who works hard and prepares hard."

THE BEST WITH THE LEAST

RAYMOND MONICA, TEMPLE

Think you've got a tough job? Try coaching at a school that hasn't had a winning record in 13 years. Yet the 37-year-old Monica presides over a top-notch defense for one reason: He's the best in the nation at getting ordinary players to do extraordinary things. Temple is just one of eight Division I-A teams that ranked in the Top 20 in total defense in both 2001 and '02. Playing a 4-2-5 base defense, the Owls often fill the box with nine players, daring teams to beat them through the air.

THE PASS MASTER

NORM CHOW, USC

The man USC coach Pete Carroll says is "arguably the best offensive coordinator in the history of college football" has coached six of the NCAA's top 12 career passing efficiency leaders and designed offenses for teams that hold 11 of the top 30 single-season passing yardage totals in NCAA history. Yet ask him to define a particular system behind the collegiate careers of prolific passers like Steve Young and Heisman Trophy winners Ty Detmer and Carson Palmer, and he shrugs. "There's no system, really," says Chow. "You try to magnify the strengths of the players you have."

Wise GUIDES

Plotting, scheming and motivating behind the scenes, the

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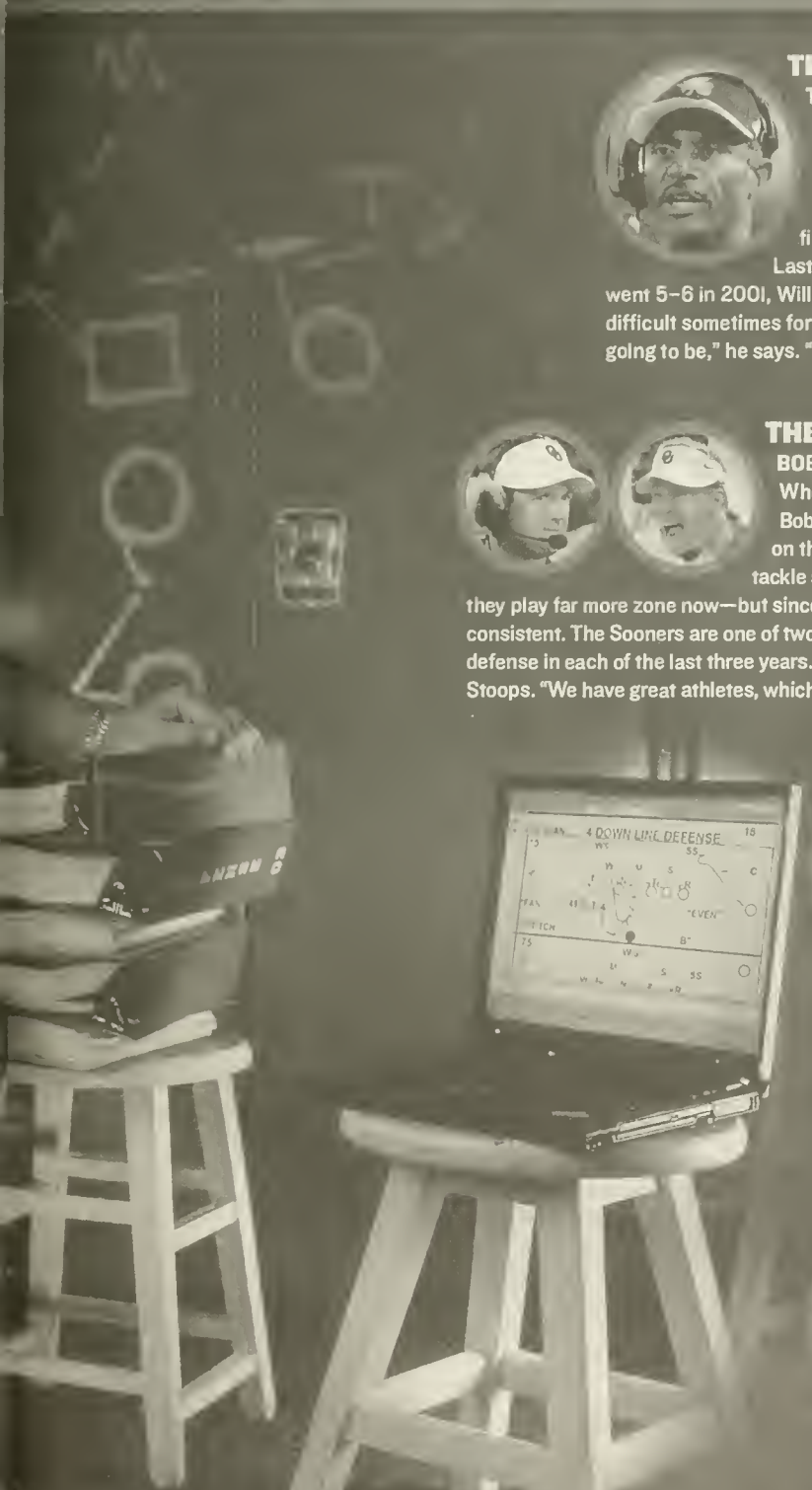


THE MOTIVATOR

TYRONE WILLINGHAM, NOTRE DAME

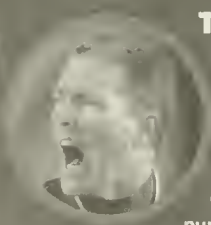
Willingham eschews hokey motivational techniques for simple encouragement. One example came last year when, in his first team meeting as Irish coach, he put together a PowerPoint presentation for his players. The final slide they saw contained one word: WIN. They did. Last season, working with essentially the same team that went 5–6 in 2001, Willingham guided Notre Dame to a 10–3 record. "It's difficult sometimes for coaches to implore the kids and tell them how hard it's going to be," he says. "It's not like a light switch."

THE DEFENSIVE GURUS

BOB AND MIKE STOOPS, OKLAHOMA

When they were assistants at Kansas State in the early 1990s, Bob and Mike Stoops developed a defensive philosophy based on three principles: create confusion, attack constantly and tackle soundly. Every year the Stoops brothers tweak their D—they play far more zone now—but since they arrived in Norman in 1999 the results have been consistent. The Sooners are one of two teams in the nation that have ranked in the Top 10 in total defense in each of the last three years. "We attack from different areas of the field," says Mike Stoops. "We have great athletes, which makes it easier, but our athletes are also great tacklers."

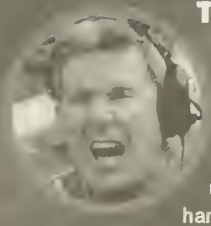
THE ORGANIZATION MAN



DIRK KOETTER, ARIZONA STATE

Koetter is so meticulously organized, one has to wonder if he's in the wrong profession. He logs the name of everyone who calls his office and the time and purpose of the call. He takes notes during every meeting he has with a player and keeps them in that player's file. He has also been known to type an agenda before addressing the local media. Why go to the trouble? "Only a handful of plays can turn [a season]," he says, "but those plays can be changed by what we do the rest of the year. It is not magic. It is attention to detail."

THE RECRUITING KING



MACK BROWN, TEXAS

How has Texas's Mack Brown hooked three consensus top five recruiting classes in just six years? He is a master at using a soft touch to make a hard sell. With ample fatherly charm, the 51-year-old Brown often has recruits over to his lakeside house and also shows off the Longhorns' extravagant facilities, which include a spacious locker room and players' lounge. "We pride ourselves on a family atmosphere," says Brown, "and our goal is to win championships with nice kids who are graduating."

LAY IT FORWARD
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A healthy running back and a seasoned quarterback make the Terrapins' offense formidable again

THE FIRST TIME Bruce Perry opened his mouth in spring practice, Scott McBrien knew the senior running back was his old self again. Perry excitedly bounced around the Terrapins' practice fields, chattered constantly and talked trash to defenders. This was in contrast to the Perry who last fall quietly labored through abdominal, groin and shoulder injuries, which limited him to 341 yards rushing in six games. "The change in his demeanor really has been night and day," says McBrien, a senior quarterback.

JUMP START In his first season running the offense, McBrien threw for 2,497 yards and surprised coaches with his rushing ability.

That means Maryland, which had a 21–5 record over the last two years, including 11–3 last season, has its best offensive weapon back at full strength. Perry added 15 pounds to his 5' 9" frame to get up to 207 and is ready to prove he's the same player who as a sophomore rushed for 1,242 yards and was the ACC's Offensive Player of the Year. "I think I'll bring some maturity and leadership to the offense," Perry says. "I'll help provide a sense of identity and an overall presence."

Although last season the Terps got an ACC-best 1,154 rushing yards from Chris Downs, who graduated, they missed Perry's electric performance. "He brings a lot to the table," McBrien says. "He's tough, he has speed, and he has great hands. Having a player like him takes a lot of pressure off me. You know he's going to get his yards."

As will McBrien, who as a first-year starter in 2002 threw for 2,497 yards and 15 touchdowns and had a 141.3 passing-efficiency rating. Six of his top seven wide receivers return from an offense that scored 32.2 points per game, as do three starters along the line. The defense, led by senior linebacker Leon Joe (103 tackles), is even more stacked.

It's no wonder that coach Ralph Friedgen preached against complacency during spring drills. "We've been successful the last two years because we were unselfish and we played for a common cause," Friedgen says. "Everybody had a role and played it well. We may have more talent now, but the question remains as to whether we can play together. The more you win, the harder that is to do."

Perry appreciates that message as much as anybody. He spent most of last season rising at 6 a.m. to rehab his injuries, futilely trying to practice and standing on the sideline on game days. This year he'll be making sure his teammates work hard. "I'm proof that we had better take advantage of our chances," Perry says, "because you never know when they'll be taken away." —J.C.

FAST FACTS

2002 RECORD 11–3 (6–2, T2 in ACC)
FINAL AP RANK 13 RETURNING STARTERS 17

KEY RETURNEES (2002 stats)

QB Scott McBrien (Sr.)
12th in the nation in passing efficiency

RB Bruce Perry (Sr.)
Averaged 4.7 yards on 72 carries

CB Domonique Foxworth (Jr.)
Led Terrapins with five interceptions

FS Madieu Williams (Sr.)
All-America candidate anchors secondary

DT Randy Starks (Jr.)
93 tackles including 6½ sacks

TELLING NUMBER

4

Punt returns for TDs by Steve Suter last season, breaking the Terps' *career* record of three set by Bob Smith (1972 through '74).

SMART MOVE

Coach Ralph Friedgen didn't lack for volunteers to fill the shoes of departed All-America linebacker E.J. Henderson, but sophomore D'Qwell Jackson quickly proved he was the best fit. Though he's undersized for the position (6' 1", 222), Jackson has great instincts and good vision.

SCHEDULE

Aug.	28	at Northern Illinois
Sept.	6	at Florida State
	13	THE CITADEL
	20	WEST VIRGINIA
	27	at Eastern Michigan
Oct.	4	CLEMSON
	11	DUKE
	23	at Georgia Tech
Nov.	1	NORTH CAROLINA
	13	VIRGINIA
	22	at N.C. State
	29	at Wake Forest

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Maryland a national title contender? Why not?

By Gregg Doyel
Special to ESPN.com

Maryland Terrapins

Coach: Ralph Friedgen (21-5, 3rd season) **2002 overall record:** 11-3
Conference record: 6-2
Returning starters:
Offense: 7, **Defense:** 9, **Kicker/Punter:** 1

2002 statistical leaders (* - returners)
Rushing: Chris Downs (1,154 yds)
Passing: Scott McBrien* (2,497 yds)
Receiving: Scooter Monroe (614 yds)
Tackles: E.J. Henderson (175)
Sacks: E.J. Henderson (8.5)
Interceptions: Domonique Foxworth* (5)

2003 Schedule

8-28 at Northern Illinois
9-6 at Florida State
9-13 The Citadel
9-20 West Virginia
9-27 at Eastern Michigan
10-4 Clemson
10-11 Duke
10-23 at Georgia Tech
11-1 North Carolina
11-13 Virginia
11-22 at NC State
11-29 at Wake Forest

Outlook: The Terps could be awesome this season. For the first time in his three years at Maryland, Friedgen has a quarterback (Scott McBrien) and tailback (2001 ACC offensive player of the year Bruce Perry) with a full season as a starter under their belt. That's problematic for opposing defenses who have not been able to stop the Terps even when Maryland had new faces learning both positions. All-American LB E.J. Henderson and P Brooks Barnard are gone, but almost everyone else is back. No, Maryland has not been a fluke.

Key game: The Terps have lost just five times the past two seasons, but two have come to Florida State -- by an average margin of 24 points. Maryland could get some revenge, and take a huge step toward a second ACC title in three seasons, on Sept. 6 when they travel to Tallahassee, Fla.

Keep an eye on: Perry missed most of last season with a variety of ailments. The 5-foot-9 speed back has gained 15 pounds of muscle to 205, which should help him better absorb the pounding. If he's simply as good as he was as a sophomore in 2001 (1,242 rushing yards), the Terps would take that.

It's a good year if. . .: Maryland has the talent to win the ACC and play well in a BCS game -- which means Maryland has the talent to challenge for the national championship. With a non-conference game that features West Virginia as their toughest test, the Terps might just get there.

Gregg Doyel covers the ACC for the Charlotte Observer.

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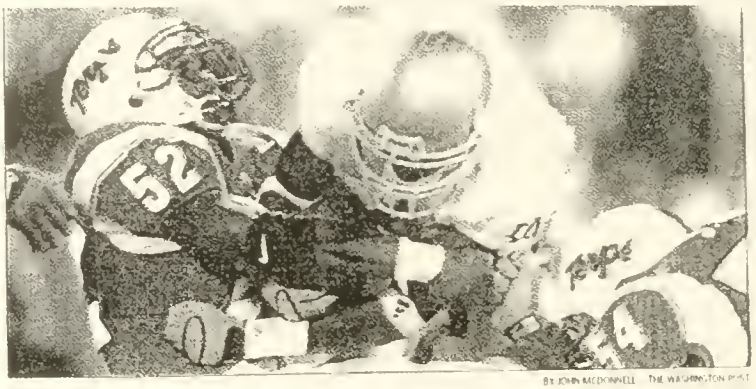

BY JOHN MCDONNELL—THE WASHINGTON POST

D'Qwell Jackson, left, tackled Notre Dame's Ryan Grant in last year's season opener. "I've just got to try not to be him," said Jackson of E.J. Henderson. "I've got to play like I play."

Terps Have a New Man in the Middle

Jackson Vying to Fill Void Left by Henderson in Maryland's Defense

By Barry Svrluga
Washington Post Staff Writer

Almost a year ago, D'Qwell Jackson walked out of the tunnel onto the turf at Giants Stadium. He was a true freshman, just 18. Nearly 73,000 fans surrounded him. His eyes widened. His joints stiffened.

"Did you ever see 'The Program'?" Jackson asked, referring to the cliché-laden, decade-old James Caan movie about college football. In the film, Omar Epps's character walks into a packed stadium for the first time—and freezes. "I was just like that," Jackson said. "I was in awe."

Except then something happened. Jackson, who never played in front of more than three or four thousand people back home in Largo, Fla., made a dozen tackles against Notre Dame. He fought the Fighting Irish for the bulk of an otherwise dreary night for the Maryland football team, a 22-0 season-opening loss.

"I didn't know how I would react," Jackson said.

Now, as the Terrapins enter their second week of preseason practice, Jackson must react to an entirely different set of circumstances. He has moved from outside linebacker to the middle. And talk about awe: All he must do there is replace graduated E.J. Henderson, who was honored as the nation's best linebacker and best defensive player in 2002 and still elicits bowed heads and reverent, hushed tones when spoken of in College Park.

"I don't know if we're ever going to have another guy like that," Terps Coach Ralph Friedgen said. "E.J. made so many plays. We're just looking for a guy to play the posi-

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Jackson Becomes Terps' New Man In the Middle

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tion pretty good. D'Qwell's a smart guy, and we're going to try to do some things to help him."

At 6 feet 1 and just 222 pounds, Jackson may need some help. He is one of just two new starters on Maryland's defense, and he's not exactly the physical presence Henderson was. "I'd like him to be 250 pounds," Friedgen said. "But he is what he is."

The Terps need Jackson to understand what he is not. Most important, he is not Henderson. In spring practice, Friedgen repeatedly told Henderson's potential replacements—Jackson included—not to think making tackle after tackle comes just from playing middle linebacker.

"It wasn't the position," Friedgen said. "It was the guy playing the position."

So the Terps have stopped the comparisons. The coaching staff wants to make sure Jackson isn't overwhelmed by a wave of "E.J. would have done this" or "E.J. could have done that."

"I'm sure he feels some pressure," said fellow linebacker Leon Joe, who worked out in the middle during spring practice but is now back on the weak side. "But D'Qwell's a good player. He can't think about E.J. and what he did. None of us can. He's got to do what he can do."

Friedgen and defensive coordinator Gary Blackney both said Jackson's instincts rival Henderson's, and they note that if he weren't intelligent, he couldn't have walked out of high school and onto the field against Notre Dame so quickly. Jackson went on to play in every game and was in on 51 tackles. But if he hadn't controlled his nerves against the Irish, his teammates might have dismissed him as just another overmatched freshman.

"When he played like that against Notre Dame," defensive tackle Randy Starks said, "that gave us confidence in him. We knew he could play. And don't let his size fool you. He'll butt heads."

Which is exactly what Jackson has been doing in drills thus far. He takes on running backs fearlessly, running around them, through them, past them to try to get to the quarterback. He is a sound tackler.

Blackney said that because Jackson is a bit small for a middle linebacker, the Terps may establish a rotation, using versatile senior Andrew Henley and perhaps a true freshman, either Wesley Jefferson or Jim Cesi, to ease the physical pounding on Jackson. However the system works, Jackson's wide eyes in those bright lights are gone. There is no room for that.

"It's just a matter of me getting in there and seeing how I react," Jackson said. "E.J. made me as comfortable as I possibly could be when he was here. He took all the hype. Now, I've just got to try not to be him. I've got to play like I play."

Terrapins Notes: Friedgen said nose tackle C.J. Feldheim, who had surgery Thursday to repair torn cartilage in his right knee, could return to practice this week. ... Orlando Evans, potentially the number two quarterback, practiced over the weekend after heart tests showed nothing unusual. Evans sat out the first week of practice with headaches and a shortness of breath.

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Randy II?

DT Starks wants to emulate Terps Hall of Famer Randy White

By Rick Snider
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

It's the rumble that leads to the roar. Fourteen 50-pound plates hit the second tier of Byrd Stadium's makeshift weight room floor like a thunderclap.

"It goes 'Boom!' " said Maryland defensive tackle Randy Starks with a slight grin. "It feels like some big block hits the ground. I like seeing the big plates. It feels like I'm doing something."

Starks wants to win the Outland Trophy as the nation's best lineman this season, which begins for the No. 13 Terrapins on Aug. 28 against Northern Illinois. He hopes Maryland fans will remember him alongside another defensive tackle named Randy White, who took the 1974 Outland and Lombardi trophies and made the college and pro football halls of fame.

"He was the best player they had here, and one day I want them to say that about me," Starks said.

Preseason accolades for Starks include All-American honorable mention by Street and Smith magazine and a rating as the No. 5 defensive lineman nationally by the Sporting News. He was second-team All-ACC last year with 93 tackles, 17 quarterback hurries and 6½ sacks. Starks was named ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week with nine tackles and two pass knockdowns against N.C. State. He also tipped two passes against Wake Forest for interceptions. But he played only the first series against Tennessee in the Orange Bowl before suffering a groin injury.

"He's going to demand at least a double team," defensive coordinator Gary Blackney said. "I don't know if anybody can block him one on one. He is a force. He's really become very disruptive in terms of offensive line blocking schemes."

Starks was a Mid-Atlantic blue-chipper from Westlake High School in Waldorf, Md., choosing Maryland over Virginia Tech and Penn State. He also was a standout basketball player on the state runners-up. But Starks concedes he needed to gain intensity both on the field and the weight room when he arrived.

"I had to turn it up a lot more," he said. "High school wasn't that physical, and you only had to turn it on when you wanted, but here you have to turn it on every play."

Starks came from a solid prep

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Randy Starks gets a lift in the weight room, with Justin Duffie looking on. "I'm like a teddy bear off the field, but on the field I'm an animal."

Maryland vs. Northern Illinois

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weightlifting program, so it wasn't difficult becoming one of the "Iron Terps" — an elite group that has grown from six to 40 players in recent years based on a strength per pound formula. Starks trails only linebacker Leon Joe as the Terps' strongest player and has done a team-best 765-pound squat press.

"Randy's a super freak," defensive tackle Justin Duffie said. "He loves to lift."

But the mild-mannered Starks needed longer to become a feared defender who could dominate inside this year at 6-foot-4 and 312 pounds. Offensive line coach Dave Sollazzo steadily unleashed Starks during his freshman season, when the player recorded 35 tackles and 3 1/2 sacks.

"I'm like a teddy bear off the field, but on the field I'm an animal," Starks said. "It's all about attitude. You've got to be nasty. You have to want to hit. You have to want to be physical. It's something you have to want to do."

Starks certainly will be marked by offensive lines as the Terps' biggest pass rushing threat. The reputation already weighs on him.

"There's a lot of pressure on me knowing I have to live up to expectations," he said. "I can't take a play off here and there. I try not to read too much, but you can't help it. I know people will be watching me to see if I'm as good as they say I am."

Starks won't even turn 20 until after the regular season, but a third straight standout year could force an early exit if he is projected high in the NFL Draft. Starks doesn't expect to depart early but leaves the subject open-ended.

"I'm thinking about staying all four years," he said. "If it comes up after this season, I'll think about it."

Notes — Quarterback Orlando Evans (headaches) practiced for the first time after cleared by medical tests. However, running back Mario Merrills (hamstring), offensive tackle Matt Powell (ankle) and defensive tackle C.J. Feldheim (knee) missed the first full contact practice. Feldheim returned after undergoing knee surgery Tuesday and could practice in one week.

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Maryland's Randy Starks: "High school wasn't that physical, and you only had to turn it on when you wanted, but here you have to turn it on every play."

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Freshmen Climb the Learning Curve

Injuries to Maryland Starters Provide Opportunities, Make Mastery of Playbook Critical

By Barry Svrluga
Washington Post Staff Writer

The morning haze hadn't yet broken, the Maryland football team hadn't even stretched out. It was 7:56 a.m. yesterday, and Vernon Davis was hearing it.

Davis, a freshman tight end in just his 15th practice with the Terrapins, had barreled through the line to block a punt. But he ran over the punter, clearly a penalty. Ray Rychleski, the Terps' special teams coach, walked right up to Davis, vigorously pointing out the error of his ways. Davis skulked back to the huddle. Welcome to college, kid.

"When the coaches first started yelling at me, I was like, 'Oh, man, this is different,' " said Davis, a graduate of Dunbar High in the District. "But then I got used to it. If they didn't yell at me, I wouldn't get better."

With the slew of injuries Maryland has suffered this week—four potential starters might miss the opener Aug. 28 at Northern Illinois—the Terps' 19 true freshmen have been afforded plenty of chances to get better. But even for players such as Davis, who likely will help the team this fall, this is a unique, sometimes difficult time: new surroundings, new standards, new coaches, new routine, new everything.

"We all say the same things," said Wesley Jefferson, a freshman linebacker. "The physical part is not hard. It's the mental part. To go from a teeny little playbook to

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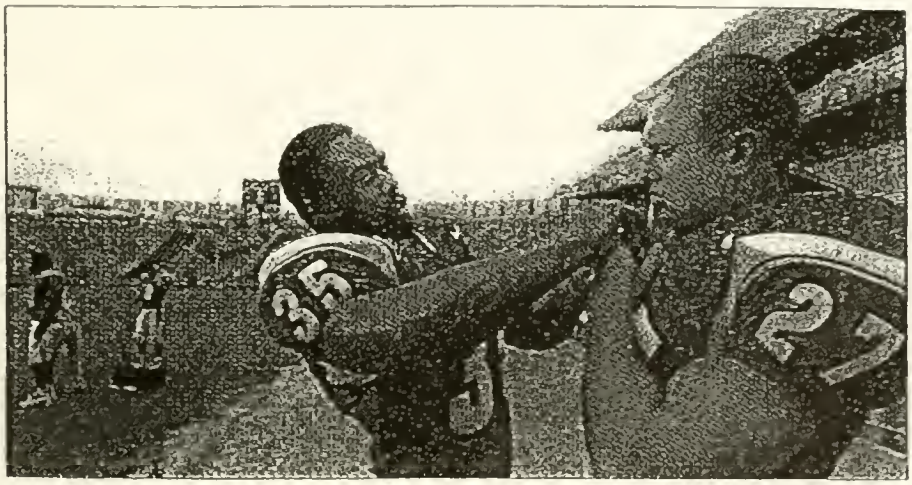

BY JONATHAN NEWTON—THE WASHINGTON POST

Linebacker Wesley Jefferson helps fellow freshman Tim Cesa make the adjustment on media day. "The physical part is not hard," Jefferson said. "It's the mental part."

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Opportunity Knocks for Freshmen

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a phone book, it's amazing. You just sit there thinking to yourself, 'I'm supposed to do all this? And this and this and this?' It's like, 'Wow!' "

Jefferson, a graduate of Gwynn Park High in Brandywine, is just a typical freshman trudging through what hundreds of kids like him are trudging through at camps across the country. At 6 feet 2 and 231 pounds, he's big enough and athletic enough to perhaps help immediately at both middle and outside linebacker. But there are times when he lines up for a play, and he realizes, "We had 10 defensive sets in high school. Now, we have 190. What do I do?"

"If you know what you're doing from the beginning of the play, then during the play, you should be all right," Jefferson said. "But mentally, for me, there are some times I'm sure, and some times I'm not."

Maryland Coach Ralph Friedgen has been impressed with Jefferson, but said, "He's a little overwhelmed right now." Not surprising. New NCAA regulations in place this year eliminated freshman practice, three days of workouts staged before the upperclassmen reported. Instead, Friedgen established a "bridge" program over the summer, when 12 of the freshmen came to campus, worked out some, and took summer school classes.

"It gives us a big advantage over the other freshmen," said Jefferson, who passed two courses this summer. "When they get here, they have to take time out to learn where everything's at, how to get there, what's the best way to go—all that stuff."

Friedgen, for one, likes what he sees from Davis, Jefferson, defensive tackle Robert Armstrong, wide receiver Drew Weatherly and tailback Lance Ball, among others. But it is hard, Friedgen said, to help the players improve while simultaneously making them understand that it doesn't all come instantly. He said Internet recruiting sites pump up kids so much, "If they don't come in and they don't play right away, they think they've failed. I really don't ever want those kids to think that."

But with a dozen or so players periodically sitting out because of injuries, some freshmen have started to get more comfortable. Ball, for instance, was a shoe-in to redshirt when camp opened. Now, with starting tailback Bruce Perry (sprained ankle) and backup Mario Merrills (pulled hamstring) out, Friedgen could be forced to use him.

"Coach told me, 'At running back, there's a lot of knicks and knacks; you don't know when you're going to get in,' " Ball said. "I have to be ready."

It isn't easy. Take a situational scrimmage earlier in the week. Weatherly broke the huddle with the offense. The play was intended for him. He grew anxious, and tiptoed off the line of scrimmage before the snap—illegal procedure.

"Some of them got a little stage fright . . . " Friedgen said. "But they'll be fine. They'll recover from that. They've got to go through it."

They are going through it now. Their minds are sometimes a mess. Their bodies occasionally don't know how to react. And when they trudge off the field, another day done, they can't even talk much about it.

"We've just got so much on our mind trying to learn so much," Davis said, "that we just keep to our selves right now."

Terrapin Notes: Perry, out two to six weeks, told Friedgen that he feels he's ahead of schedule. He can already move his ankle. "He's very upbeat," Friedgen said. "I think he feels like he'll be back sooner rather than later."

Wide receiver Jafar Williams sat out yesterday's morning practice because of a slightly pulled hamstring that had bothered him since before training camp. He returned for the evening session. Defensive end Scott Smith left the morning practice with back pain . . .

The Terps will hold "Fan Day" Sunday at Byrd Stadium. Gates will open at 1 p.m., and an autograph session will run from 2 to 3 with a scrimmage to follow. Admission is free.

BY JONATHAN NEWTON—THE WASHINGTON POST

Maryland freshman tight end Vernon Davis, an All-Met from Dunbar, strikes a pose on his first media day. "Oh, man, this is different," Davis said of his introduction to big-time college football practice. Davis is one of 19 true freshmen for the Terrapins.

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Melodies and mayhem

By Rick Snider
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Maryland guards and roommates C.J. Brooks and Lamar Bryant hit all the right notes — as football players and musicians.

But with Bryant sidelined for six weeks with a broken foot, the music might be more mellow than usual.

Brooks is a promising guitarist whose tastes range from classic rock to folk. Bryant sings the national anthem at Terrapins sporting events. Maybe they would be called "Fat and Proud" if they performed professionally, Brooks said. After all, not many combos average 317 pounds.

Each wants to play in the NFL, and both have legitimate shots. However, Brooks wouldn't mind a career as a musician, and his 6-foot-6 frame certainly would give him a commanding stage presence. Bryant would enjoy continuing to sing after getting started in a church choir.

Sometimes they will jam together late at night to counter the pressures of football. Others in the dorm usually can tell their mood by the music drifting into the hallway.

"Nine times out of 10, if I walk by I'll hear music they're working on," offensive tackle Eric Dumas said. "They're just making songs. That's how they pass time. If it's real loud and you can't hear anything else, you know not to go in."

Teammates liken Bryant to a mix of Barry White and Luther Vandross, though the senior's favorite crooner is Bryan McKnight. Bryant has been known to zone out playing video games while Brooks strums his guitar, but it's usually not long before lyrics join the melody.

"I sing all the time," Bryant said. "I don't even know it. I'll be singing for five minutes before I know it."

After all, Bryant teased, he can't leave the singing to Brooks.

"His singing could use some work, but he can pick up the guitar at any given moment and put down a song," Bryant said. "If he put as much time in his guitar as he did in football, he would be a heck of a guitarist."

Brooks began playing guitar at 13, about the same time he started playing football. His fingers are still nimble — although he plays a position where linemen's hands get so mashed they can't pick up change off a countertop, much less pick out a tune. Brooks couldn't play the guitar for a month last year because his hands were too sore from football, but he usually manages to find something "mellow that I can play that makes me feel good and calms me down."

Brooks can be heard on the campus radio station during his weekly offseason show. Bryant and Brooks have been known to mix their own songs for airplay, but Brooks spins anything from hip-hop to country.

"I like to be crazy," he said. "I don't get the accolades like running backs. When I'm behind the mike, I'm showing off as much as I can. I had some dedicated listeners that called

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in every week, but it was a pretty small gathering."

Said tight end Jeff Dugan, one of the devoted listeners: "You can tell if he's having fun with it. He's mellow in what he plays."

Naturally, Bryant and Brooks find symmetry with music and football. There's a link among melodies and mayhem.

"They're alike, but it's not visible to see," Brooks said. "Everybody has to do the right thing at the right time. One bad note is like one bad snap or missed block and leads to not being very good."

Said Brooks: "Like the play doesn't work, the song doesn't work."

Perhaps the one upside to his injury is that Bryant might be able to realize his dream of singing the national anthem at Byrd Stadium while he recovers. That way, coaches can't worry he will be too distracted before a game. However, Bryant said singing is much scarier.

"It's hard because while I play in front of big crowds, to get up in front of a crowd with all eyes on you is kind of nerve-wracking," he said. "After you do it, you feel good about yourself. It's a big accomplishment."

Notes — Coach Ralph Friedgen expects to have the Terps play a little more than a half of full contact in today's scrimmage at Byrd. Numerous injuries the past week have left Friedgen concerned whether the team is ready for contact while preparing for its Aug. 28 opener at Northern Illinois. Quarterbacks Scott McBrien and Orlando Evans will play. The scrimmage begins at 3:30 p.m. There's no admission. ... Defensive end Scott Smith practiced yesterday after cutting short Friday's practice with back problems. ... offensive tackle Stephon Hyer missed practice with a shoulder injury, while defensive end Kevin Eli was hospitalized for heart tests.

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For Terps tight end, it's better to receive

Noted for blocking, Dugan eyes pass-catching role

By CHRISTIAN EWELL
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COLLEGE PARK — It could be argued that Jeff Dugan was at the center of the 2001 play that served notice Maryland's offense would no longer be of the plodding variety.

The play executed against Wake Forest that season, 49 Stretch, is best known for the 80-yard touchdown run by Bruce Perry, emblematic of the Terps' then-newfound ability to score from anywhere at any time, a quality the team has displayed since.

But the result — with Perry bouncing outside on an easy handoff dive play — was made possible by a crushing block on the left side by Dugan, who began making a name for himself as one of the top tight ends in the Atlantic Coast Conference. To attain that status while making only 16 catches over the past two seasons is a testament to how much his blocking figures in what has been the league's top running attack over that period.

"Jeff made it easy for Bruce Perry to get 1,000 yards [in 2001]," said Ray Rychleski, who coaches the team's tight ends, "and then Chris Downs comes in [in 2002] and he becomes another 1,000-yard rusher."

Look for [*See Terps, 3D*]

For UM tight end Dugan, it's good to receive, too

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that trend to continue, but Maryland would like to see its tight ends become more prominent in the passing game as the team's playbook expands. Since the end of last season, the coaching staff has worked toward adding large receivers capable of playing tight end — such as Rob Abiamiri and Vernon Davis — in hopes of further challenging defenses after scoring a school-record 451 points last season.

Dugan

In addition to playing tight end, Abiamiri and Davis have the ability to line up as running backs and wide receivers in the H-back role. In the passing game, the team hopes to create some room for conventional wide-outs Latrez Harrison and Steve Suter.

"When you have guys on the inside like [slot back] Jo Jo Walker and then Rob or Vernon on the other side," offensive coordinator Charlie Taaffe said, "the defenses have to think about double-covering the outside receivers because it forces them to use linebackers to cover fast tight ends. We feel we can win those matchups."

To keep up, and to increase his chances of maintaining his playing time, Dugan, 6 feet 4 and 256 pounds, spent much of the summer trying to improve his receiving skills.

"I've seen a lot of improvement in his game since spring — catching balls with [quarterback Scott McBrien] in seven-on-seven drills and running routes," Abiamiri said. "It's all competition. We all want to play, and we all want to better ourselves so we can have a good team."

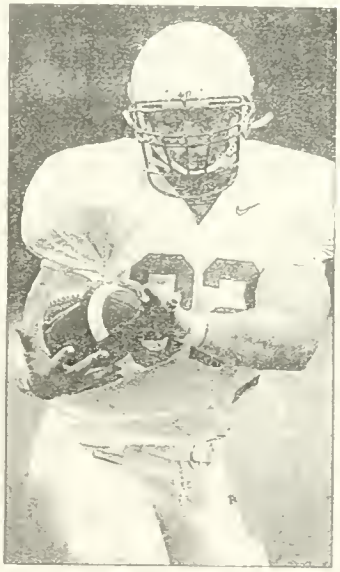
Dugan still prefers his highlights in the running game to any glories receiving — "it pumps you up when you get a good block" — but also hopes to equal his season-high of 25 catches from his first year in 2000.

When Dugan started at Maryland — as a freshman who had played tackle in high school — he ran routes, "but not with any precision or emphasis on it," he said. "Every once in a while, I'd get a lot of play-action passes. I was more like a glorified tackle."

Though good feet have been a strong point in his blocking, mechanical movements hindered Dugan in his previous route running, characterized by "run 8 yards and turn out," as opposed to a greater ability to read defenders that he has recently gained.

Because of that, coach Ralph Friedgen said he anticipates Dugan — who graduated this summer with a finance degree — will have post-Maryland prospects on the field.

"He's a dominant blocker for a tight end," Friedgen said. "And with the added skills that he has as a receiver, he has a legitimate shot at playing at the next level. I don't think you could have said that last year."



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Tight end Jeff Dugan, who made only 16 catches the past two years, hopes to become a bigger factor in the Terps' passing game this season.

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McBrien keeps it all straight

By Rick Snider
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When Maryland quarterback Scott McBrien called an unexpected timeout last season, coach Ralph Friedgen figured the passer was simply confused. Instead, McBrien was still reeling from a hit.

"He said he couldn't see straight," Friedgen recalled with a chuckle.

It's little wonder McBrien isn't cross-eyed trying to follow the multi-receiver sets Friedgen relishes. Three targets is a conservative call. Often there are two outside receivers and another in the slot, plus a tight end, H-back or running back as potential targets. Some formations even have two tight ends.

The Terrapins' optimism for a third straight 10-win season is based heavily on McBrien returning for his second year. Maryland stumbled to a 1-2 start last season while McBrien learned the offense, but after that he led the Terps on a 10-1 run, including a 30-3 drubbing of Tennessee in the Peach Bowl.

McBrien now looks the confident veteran during practice. There's no more happy feet while he tries to find alternate receivers. The senior shows the kind of precision gained through experience.

"My guys have a lot more confidence in me knowing that I'm the returning starter," McBrien said, "and that feels good when the guys are behind you, and they know who to turn to."

Said receiver Steve Suter: "We know he's the leader. I might say something to him coming out of the huddle like, 'If I'm one on one, give me a look,' and he says, 'I got you.' "

McBrien took a roundabout route from nearby DeMatha High School, where he led the Stags to a 13-0 season and a No. 13 national ranking in 1999. McBrien started one game as a freshman at West Virginia before sitting out 2001 when transferring to Maryland.

He was a walk-on that season, working on the scout team before gaining a scholarship last year, when he beat out Chris Kelley as the starter. McBrien passed for 2,497 yards with 15 touchdowns and a 141.3 efficiency rating, fifth best in school history, and earned the outstanding offensive player award in the Peach Bowl.

This season seems even more promising for McBrien. The left-hander is showing much more poise than in the spring game four months ago. There is a sweetness in his delivery during practice, a confidence in his mechanics when he throws across his body.

"Scott's better than he was last year, not even close," Friedgen said. "His footwork is better. But his decision-making is better, so he's not tapping his feet where he has indecision. He's throwing sharp, crisp balls where he knows what he's doing. Our passing game is going to be much better than it was last year."

Friedgen has put in some new plays for McBrien even though the quarterback originally wasn't sure he could make the throws. Friedgen convinced him to try the plays during the summer, and soon they were added to the bulging playbook. Friedgen appreciated McBrien trying something that several pro passers had resisted when the coach was a San Diego Chargers assistant from 1992 to 1996.

"If pro quarterbacks didn't want to do something, they weren't going to do it," Friedgen said. "They wouldn't even try to do it well, so you might as well throw it out."

Friedgen has developed McBrien steadily, being careful not to overload him. In the past, McBrien needed to be comfortable or the play faltered.

"Sometimes Scott gets out of sync. When he does, he's just another guy," Friedgen said. "Sometimes he blows a fuse."

McBrien has tutored the Terps' three freshman quarterbacks, remembering how Marc Bulger helped him as a West Virginia newcomer. He spends nights in the dorm with Suter and cornerback Dominique Foxworth, remembering when the trio were on the scout team instead of playmakers.

"Scott's always joking," Foxworth said. "It's always about making each other laugh. We just hang out in the room and laugh."

But Foxworth and McBrien forget their friendship during practices. Each likes to get the last laugh on the field.

"When we're out there, I'm sure he doesn't like me much, and I don't like him either," Foxworth said.

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UM's Harrison out to catch a little respect

Former QB set to prove w s receiving threat

By KEVIN VAN VALKENBURG
SUN STAFF

COLLEGE PARK — There's a new fashion trend on the Maryland football team this year, and it originated on the right wrist of wide receiver Latrez Harrison.

It's a plain white plastic wristband, with a single word engraved in the side: RESPECT.

"I got this because I don't think opposing teams or players really respect us," Harrison said. "We don't think people are giving us the respect we deserve. We won 10 games in 2001, and people said it was a fluke. Then last year, they said we didn't beat anybody. The media has us picked third or fourth in the league, and there just isn't the respect there."

Or, as Aretha Franklin would say, it's about time people started giving Maryland its propers.

Terps opener

Opponent: Northern Illinois
When: Thursday, 7:35 p.m.
Where: Huskie Stadium, DeKalb, Ill.
TV/Radio: CN8/WBAL (1090 AM)

"Me and [receiver] Jo Jo Walker were the first ones to get them, but most of our whole team is wearing these things now," Harrison said. "We don't care, we just got to go out and prove ourselves again. That's a good thing."

One might say the same of Harrison, a player who represents one of the biggest unknowns for the Terps as they prepare to open their season Thursday against Northern Illinois. If he can perform up to his potential and give Maryland another dynamic offensive threat, the rest of the Atlantic Coast Conference had better look out.

"We're expecting big things from him," said receivers coach James Frank- [*See Terps, 3c*]

Ex-QB Harrison going for respect as receiver

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A gifted athlete with speed and size — Harrison is 6 feet 3, 225 pounds — he was supposed to be the Terps' quarterback of the future when he arrived in College Park in 1999. His senior year at Booker T. Washington High in Atlanta, he passed for 2,400 yards and 27 touchdowns, and was considered one of the nation's top-rated high school quarterbacks.

As a freshman at Maryland, speculation existed that he would compete for the starting job right away, and late in the season he made his first career start against eventual national champion Florida State in Tallahassee in front of more than 80,000 people.

That was about as good as it would get for Harrison as a quarterback.

He could look brilliant one throw, then ugly the next, and even after redshirting in 2000, he couldn't overtake Calvin McCall or Shaun Hill to win the starting job for good. When coach Ralph Friedgen replaced Ron Vanderlinden in 2001, Harrison had to learn a whole new offense, and would often stay up as late as 4 a.m. studying his playbook. Though he backed up Hill during Maryland's Cinderella run to the Orange Bowl, he spent most of his time watching, not playing.

"It didn't make any sense for me to have one of the better athletes on the team standing next to me on the sidelines," Friedgen said. "I called Latrez in before we were going to the Orange Bowl, and I said, 'You've got to do really good in preparation for this bowl game, because if you're not going to be the starting quarterback next year, it doesn't make good sense to keep you there.'

"Well, we came back in the winter, we had a team meeting, and afterward he went to the wide receiver meeting. That was an indication to me I should consider changing him."

Said Harrison, "I was more excited than anything, because I really wasn't becoming the player that I knew I could. I probably would have been the fastest receiver at the time. Catching the ball just was something that came naturally to me."

No doubt he could catch and he was certainly fast, and as a former quarterback he knew where to go, but in everything else, he was raw. Harrison caught 20 passes for 369 yards in 2002, including a 69-yard touchdown against Duke, but his form was far from perfect.

"Last year, he was probably just a big athlete running around," Franklin said. "He was such a physical presence, but he didn't really know the techniques or anything."

That changed this summer, when Harrison spent the better part of three months refining his route-running and his releases off the line.

"I had to kind of learn on the run last year, but I'm way ahead this year," Harrison said. "I know I'm going to be more of a threat than I was last year."

With his size and speed, Harrison creates a mismatch nearly every time he lines up. Now it's just a matter of putting it all together.

"I think Latrez has worked extremely hard," said Friedgen, who added he hasn't ruled out sticking Harrison at quarterback occasionally just to mix things up. "I think he's turned into one of the leaders of our team. He's going to be a big guy to go to in our offense."

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Once Maryland's quarterback of the future, wide receiver Latrez Harrison caught 20 passes for 369 yards as a junior last season.

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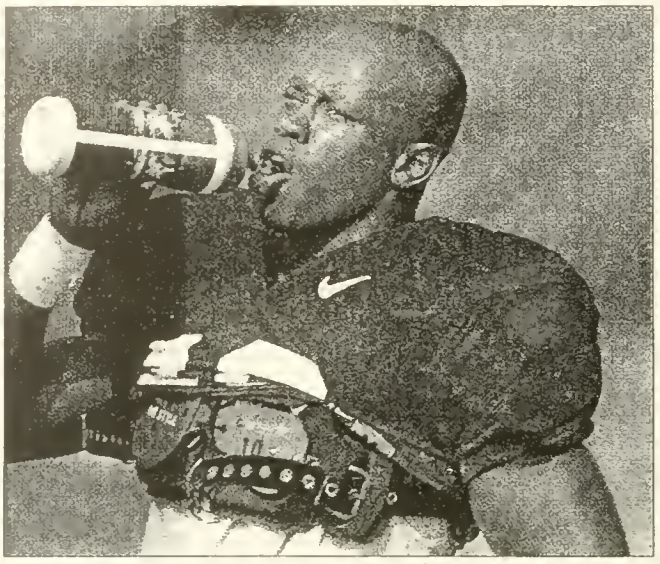

BY JONATHAN NEWTON—THE WASHINGTON POST

"The family, that's the backbone of everything," says Maryland safety Madieu Williams, who spent his summer working with ailing kids at NIH.

Maryland's Vital Role Player

Learning Through NIH Internship, M. Williams Is More Than a Safety

By Barry Svrluga
Washington Post Staff Writer

Each day, there was something different, be it a 16-year-old scheduled to have his leg removed, a 10-year-old wondering whether he would live or die, another kid in for yet another chemotherapy treatment.

Madieu Williams would smile. Always, he would smile. "Every day," he said, "was wonderful."

Williams's days have generally been wonderful since he transferred from Division I-AA Towson to Maryland, since he was granted a scholarship after walking on to the football team, since he became the Terrapins' starting free safety. That's apparent from the way he carries himself on the field, confident he can do the job assigned to him. It's apparent from the way he behaves off it, most comfortable making popcorn, plopping on the couch, watching a DVD.

So many of his teammates believe they're preparing themselves for a future on the football field; the dream of the NFL drives them. But three days a week this summer, for four hours at a time, Williams trekked to Bethesda, to the National Institutes of Health, to prepare himself for his future away from football. His internship in the recreation therapy section—with sick kids, many terminally ill, under 18—was part of the requirement for his degree in family studies. His smile belied the difficult things he saw.

"He would come in, sit down, and we would dis-

M. Williams Fills Needs on and Off the Field

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cuss who was coming in that day," said Elvera Sales, a recreation therapist at NIH who served as Williams's supervisor. "We would explain to him what the situation was. Everybody can't work in a setting like that. But anything that came out of that meeting, he could handle it."

The goal of recreation therapy is simple enough, yet frequently impossible to attain: Take kids who can't get their minds off terminal illnesses—and get their minds off them. Williams would arrive in the morning, and report to the playroom. He describes his tasks matter-of-factly.

"If someone needed a video game, or a coloring book, I'd get it," he said.

Sometimes, it wasn't that easy.

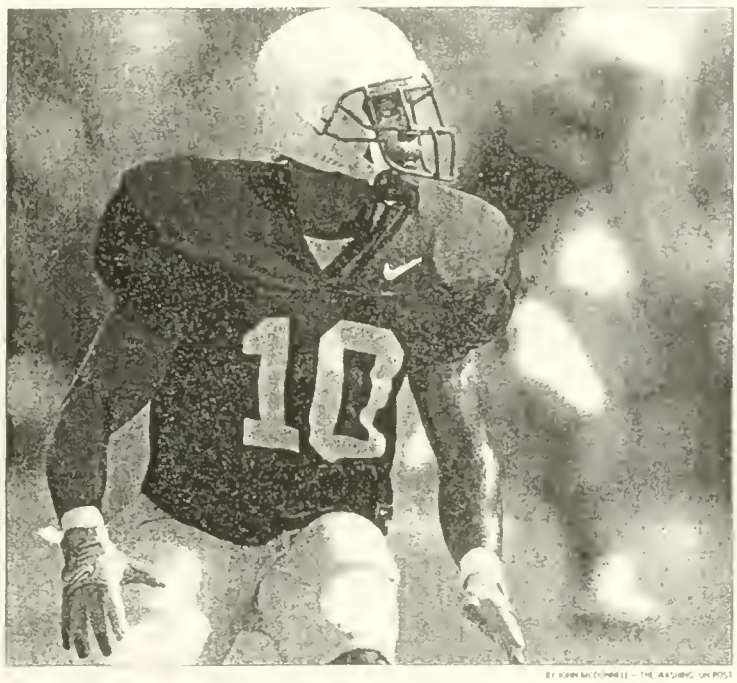
"These kids, their self-esteem can be way down," Sales said. "They're dealing with depression and anxiety. They're in the prime of their life, and they're looking for anything, any kind of light.

"His smile was that light some days. They looked for him on the days he was coming. They would ask him if he could come back. These are kids who might be having surgery, who might be thinking, 'I'm less than a person.' You're dealing with a lot of emotions. A child that's sick or grieving from an illness, when they request a specific staff person, you know you've made a connection. That's what he did."

He did it subtly. He could have walked in and acted the part of the macho hero after starting all 14 games for a Maryland team that won 11 times and crushed Tennessee in the Peach Bowl.

"He didn't introduce himself as a football player," said Esther Epstein, an art therapist at NIH.

"I didn't want to do that," Williams said. "If they asked, sure. But for those kids, football isn't really important."



Thinking of the sick kids he worked with at NIH helps Terps' Madieu Williams through tough workouts.

A Lucky Catch for Terps

Don't mistake football's importance to Williams, though. At 6 feet 1 and 188 pounds, the redshirt senior is not striking as a hard-hitting safety. He was even less so at DuVal High in Lanham, when he stood just 5-11.

"I didn't really have a lot of film to send out," Williams said. "I wasn't really that big. I was still growing. My SATs weren't that great. It's a combination of things. A lot of things in life are about timing. I don't think it was my time yet."

Working out at the Maryland football camp didn't help attract the Terrapins. But a couple of coaches from Towson worked that camp, too. They found out the Maryland staff—under then-head coach Ron Vanderlinden—wasn't going to recruit Williams, Towson pounced.

"He worked himself into a situation where he was contributing right away," Towson Coach Gordy Combs said. "We had an injury, and he started a couple games as a freshman, and he could play."

By his sophomore year, he was starting. But he wasn't necessarily happy. His mother, Abigail Burscher, was back home. Yes, Lanham is just 50 miles from Towson. "But I'm very family oriented," Williams said. "My mom, she's my best friend."

The difficulties mounted. The position coach who recruited Williams left Towson. Williams sprained an ankle, and had a disagreement with a trainer about the severity of the injury. The trainer thought Williams could play; Williams disagreed.

"He felt like he was abandoned," Combs said. "It was one of those things where you're young and you're hurt, and medically, it's hard to find out how bad it is. And I think he wanted to be closer to home."

Williams asked for his release. Eventually, Combs granted it. "I wanted to make him sweat a little bit," Combs said. "I wanted to make sure he was sure."

He transferred to Maryland and walked on in the spring of 2001, new coach Ralph Friedgen's first semester with the team.

"We didn't know what we were getting," Friedgen said.

They found out quickly.

"You could see, right when he got on the practice field, that he could help us," defensive coordinator Gary Blackney said. "He was confident. And he's so versatile. We knew very early on that he would play for us, and be a very important part of this team."

He was granted a scholarship that spring. Because he was a transfer, he had to sit out in the fall. But he spent his time winning the Terps' scout team player of the year honors.

Last year, he got his chance. He picked off four passes. He made 82 tackles. He did everything the coaches asked, becoming a second team all-ACC selection and what Friedgen considers "the best safety in the conference, maybe the country."

His ability has stunned Friedgen more than once during this preseason. The key, Friedgen said, is his versatility.

"He's so good in coverage, he could be a corner," Friedgen said. "But then, he has a knack for coming up and stopping the run. He'll find a little seam and fill it. And he's a great tackler. How many people in the country can do all of that?"

'He Brought . . . More Hope'

How many football players would apply for the type of summer internship Williams had? For Williams, it was just a step toward what he wants to do eventually. He doesn't want to coach. He doesn't want to be involved in physical education. He doesn't want to go into business. Forget all those typical goals of typical football players. He wants to be a family therapist.

"The family, that's the backbone of everything," he said. "I always feel that everything that happens in life always starts at home. There's a lot of things that go on in the world that if you just look back at a kid's background, you can see where it starts.

". . . I feel like there's a lot of help that can be done, especially for a male. There's not a lot of males in that field. So it's definitely something that's very needed."

Williams grew up in a single-parent home. His father was already in the United States when his mother brought him from their native Sierra Leone, but they divorced soon after. Much of Williams's desire to go into family therapy stems from that separation.

"My mom, she always gave me what I needed," Williams said. "It wasn't one of those things where, 'Well, I don't have it.' Whatever I needed, she provided. She's a very strong woman. She taught me a lot of how to be a man. She was my mother *and* my father."

Those stories, and some much more personal, would come up in his days at NIH. Working with Epstein, the art therapist, he would help kids express feelings through drawings and other images rather than words. Some of the kids were bipolar or had other mood disorders. Williams helped draw them out by sharing his own stories.

"It did a lot for their depression, more than any medication," Epstein said. "He'd say personal things to them, but when every session expired, he'd say, 'Thank you so much for letting me be with you.' I was so impressed with him. He just went right in, and he was so incredibly courageous."

Not surprisingly, Williams has thought of those kids during preseason practices, which lead up to the Terps' season opener Thursday night at Northern Illinois. Things seem tough? Think of the kids. Sick of these drills? Think of the kids. A little hot outside? Think, again, of the kids.

"There's sometimes stuff going on in my life that I can't really get up for," he said. "But then, seeing them there, they might not be as upbeat as I am, but you couldn't really tell. They were strong. It shed new light for me, just gave me another perspective on life. I'm very grateful for the opportunity."

Who was grateful? Epstein said one kid Williams worked with had been depressed for weeks, "to the point where he had nothing to look forward to."

Williams played pool with him. "It made this guy's day," Epstein said. "He'd always look for Madieu, and those were his best times, playing pool."

"He wasn't what you think of as a football player," Sales said. "When a patient is not responding, and they don't respond to a doctor or their family, it can be very bad. He brought a little more hope to them."

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With soaring expectations Friedgen, UM reach for sky

COLLEGE PARK — Wit so much of Maryland's aspirations riding on what happens the next two weeks, one might wish the Ter entered this season of sky-hig expectations a little more healthy.

That would include the coa

The hip replacement surger carefully scheduled in May to not interrupt spring football c the start of fall camp, was tou enough for Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen. He was hopi that two months after the ope ation, he'd get in a little golf.

Leg elevated and held tight post-operative stockings, it ha definitely been no dice, even o a short round.

The only golf-cart driving Friedgen's doing is around th College Park practice fields. Y terday, he maniacally floored the electric buggy to maximu speed across two gridirons to scream holy hell at a walk-on center who wasn't where he should be.

Poor walk-on.

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With soaring expectations, Friedgen, UM reach for sky

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Friedgen.

"My doctor just looked at me and said, 'Work on your short game,' " Friedgen said with a laugh.

Now, with the Terps' season-opener at Northern Illinois on Thursday night, there are complications that make his recovery no joking matter. The blood clots above and below his left knee have Friedgen downing blood thinners. It's potentially dangerous enough that Friedgen gets weekly checks of his coagulation levels.

"I used to stand right behind the quarterback [during drills]. Now I stand off on the hash marks, out of harm's way. If I get hit in the leg, there could be swelling. If I get hit in the head, I could get bleeding on the brain," he said.

He's concerned, he said, but not enough to recuperate away from the Maryland team that he has, in two dynamic seasons, guided to a stellar 21-5 regular-season record, and a No. 15 Associated Press ranking this year.

With gallows humor, Friedgen again laughed about his healing tactics.

"I told my wife, 'I don't want to rust out.' I want to live doing what I do. Besides, I think it's already on the calendar. It's pre-ordained. When it's time to go, it's time. I like winning. I like winning football games and graduating kids. That's what I do."

Let this statement from Friedgen serve as a preamble for the Terps' 2003 season. The coach is as focused, as committed and as prepared as ever, even as Maryland enters this season the subject of the highest expectations since the Bobby Ross days.

Not that Friedgen cares about polls that say Auburn, Virginia Tech, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas State, Miami, North Carolina State and Ohio State are contenders.

"I think it makes pretty good water cooler chatter for our alum and our fans. They get jacked up. I'm more excited about how we end up. I don't know why they do [pre-season polls]," he said.

Likewise, Friedgen is wary that expectations can have both a negative and positive effect.

"It can be a problem when you're losing, and there can be problems when you're winning," he said.

"I've got people telling things in these kids' ears — things they shouldn't hear. I've got 12 kids with a chance to be drafted, and there are agents talking to them. I've already seen some of those guys don't want to push, they're 'saving themselves' for the league. Well, that's not how we've done things around here, how we've won. We've had a common goal," he said.

If the specter of unwanted attention toward his top players is an issue (Friedgen has pulled some of those players aside and showed them tape of poor practices) and if the pre-season polls bug him, there are other issues.

Who would dare mention that there's talk about the Terps being in the hunt for BCS consideration?

That seems a bit of a stretch, considering the Terps' relatively soft schedule as compared to the ACC's two other ranked teams.

Florida State gets its built-in ratings boost from matchups against Florida and Miami.

N.C. State, ranked ahead of Maryland in most polls and a sleeper pick for BCS consideration, plays defending national champion Ohio State on Sept. 13.

There's no discernible jealousy in College Park about N.C. State, but the Wolfpack could be the pick of this conference, if it lives up to its pre-season billing. N.C. State certainly could prove a worthy opponent for the Buckeyes, who will be without Maurice Clarett, the embattled sophomore tailback set to sit out multiple games for NCAA violations.

For whatever stock can be taken from pre-season prognostications — and we know where Friedgen stands on this topic — the Terps would pretty much have to go undefeated to get into a big-money bowl.

All this conspires to place even greater emphasis on the Terps' second game of the season at Florida State.

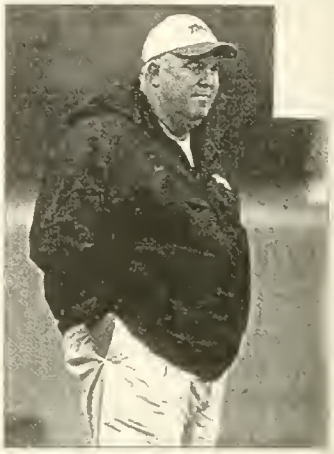
"I don't think there's been a Maryland team around here that has gone down to Florida State thinking it has a chance to win in a long time. That's something we think we can do," Terps quarterback Scott McBrien said.

Of course, unlike his players, who are pleased with their new status as a rising football power, Friedgen refuses to mentally visit Tallahassee. The Terps are hampered by injuries and the mood doesn't quite suit Friedgen, who smilingly reminds us that he is never happy.

"Someone sent me a tape of a pre-season TV show from Northern Illinois," he said. "They were calling this the biggest game ever to come to their stadium. That has me concerned a little. We don't have all our bullets, and they're going to be flying high. They've got good coaching."

Same goes for Maryland.

It's probably going to take running the table for the Terps to get to the next level. With Friedgen at the helm, even in his golf cart, even nursing his post-operative hip and troubled knee, it could be time.



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Terps coach Ralph Friedgen, who had hip replacement surgery in May, has Maryland sitting at No. 15 in the AP poll.

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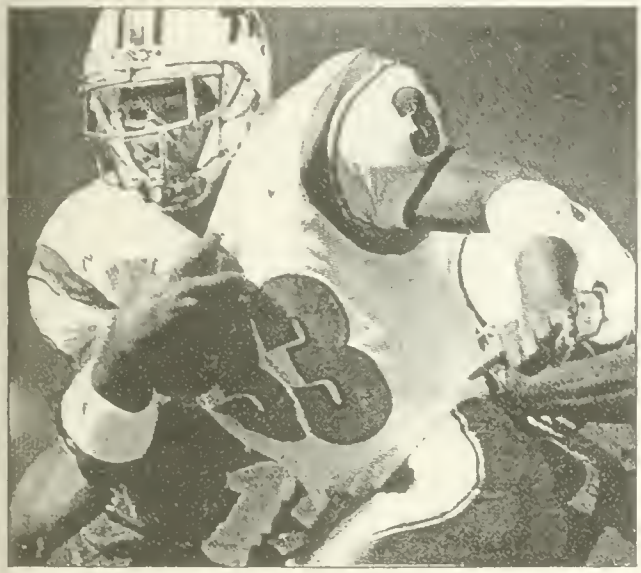
Allen Happily in the Running



BY TRACY A. WOODWARD—THE WASHINGTON POST

Running back Josh Allen had 405 yards and 8 touchdowns in 60 carries while sharing backfield duties last season.

No. 15 Terps Are Confident With Backup in the Backfield

By Barry Svrluga
Washington Post Staff Writer

The phone rang in the Allen house that night, a night after Bowie High School had beaten Eleanor Roosevelt for the Class 4A state football championship. Maryland Coach Ralph Friedgen wanted to speak with Josh Allen, then a senior running back for Roosevelt who was disappointed with his performance in that 2001 title game on the Byrd Stadium turf, the turf that sits right outside Friedgen's office window.

Allen felt he had let down his future coach. Friedgen disagreed.

"Josh," Friedgen said, "you'll never disappoint me."

Despite being limited by a sprained ankle that day, Allen ran for 137 yards on 17 carries. If he were to duplicate those numbers Thursday night—when the 15th-ranked Terrapins open the season at Northern Illinois—Friedgen's statement would surely hold true. For now, at least, Allen is the Terps' starting tailback, and there aren't many folks in College Park who are terribly disappointed about

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Terps' Allen Provides Backfield Lots of Backup

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that.

"I think he'd be starting for a lot of clubs," Maryland offensive coordinator Charlie Taaffe said. "He gives us an explosive back in his own right."

The "in his own right" part is important, because while Allen has been impressive this preseason, he is the surefire starter because of senior Bruce Perry's high ankle sprain. To be sure, the Terps would like to have all of their running backs available, particularly Perry, the 2001 ACC offensive player of the year.

But Friedgen and Taaffe haven't obsessed about Perry's absence in large part because of Allen, a 5-foot-11, 206-pound sophomore. When Friedgen was watching Allen during Maryland's football camp in the summer of 2001, he got a vibe. The Terps, Friedgen thought, had enough running backs. But he watched Allen run, watched him catch passes. Most important, he watched him work.

"I just liked his competitiveness," Friedgen said. "If you looked at him, you wouldn't think he is [a competitor] until you see him in a competitive situation."

As much as Allen was playing to impress Friedgen at that camp, and as much as he didn't want to disappoint him during that first experience at Byrd Stadium, that's not what drives him. Each game, each carry, each play is run hard and run fast with one person in mind: His mother, Inez, who died of breast cancer when Allen was just 9. That event has shaped who he is, how he works.

"With the values that my mom instilled in me, I knew I couldn't give up in anything," Allen said. "At one point, I decided I would dedicate my life to her. I decided that I was going to make it—if not for myself, for her."

Inez Allen's death dictated much about Josh's young life. He was raised not only by his father, Leonard, but by his two older sisters when Leonard was at work.

"A lot of kids think about 'Mom,' think about being babied, that Mom protects you from Dad when you do something wrong," Allen said. "I didn't have that. So I definitely had to mature a lot faster than most kids. In a way, I think that helped me."

The force-fed maturity helped him, he said, when he moved from Tampa to Bladensburg following his sophomore year. His new teammates at Roosevelt didn't know how to react to him right away. He was mostly quiet, but sported a heck of an Afro, "this big bush," he said, holding his hands several inches out over his neat cornrows.

"Everybody thought he was kind of an old-time player," said Maryland defensive back Chris Choice, a teammate of Allen's at Roosevelt. "He wasn't too flashy, he had that hush, and he was quiet. But we could tell by his work ethic right away that he was going to be good."

Friedgen saw the work ethic on display at [illegible] camp, and got to thinking, "What [illegible] like this guy?"

[illegible] he was such a character kid and such a good kid [who] had great work habits, I could see him playing at Virginia or North Carolina, one of those places," Friedgen said. "And we'd be saying, 'Boy, were we stupid not to take him.' "

BY JONATHAN NEWTON — THE WASHINGTON POST

"I think he'd be starting for a lot of clubs," Maryland offensive coordinator Charlie Taaffe said of sophomore running back Josh Allen.

So Friedgen offered him a scholarship. In spot duty as a freshman, he thrived, running for 405 yards on 60 carries and scoring eight touchdowns.

That will help quell any nerves he might have when he takes that first handoff Thursday. But so will this: When Perry was injured for much of last season, Allen and then-senior Chris Downs combined for 1,559 yards and 21 scores.

"We know two things from that," quarterback Scott McBrien said. "We know that Josh is a great back, and we know that the offense works."

The Terps' thinking is it will work just as well with Allen as it would with Perry.

"I have confidence in myself," Allen said. "But that confidence the coaches and my teammates have in me, that helps bring out my own confidence."

Terrapins Notes: The Terps' practice yesterday, their last full workout before the opener, was cut short about 25 minutes by the violent thunderstorm that ripped through College Park. "It was probably the good Lord telling me to get them off the field early," Friedgen said . . .

Friedgen said McBrien, who has been healing a strained groin, was about 95 percent. The muscle, Friedgen said, was "still a little sore," but McBrien should be ready.

Guard Ed Tyler, who was supposed to miss the opener after having fluid drained from an infection in his leg, was unexpectedly cleared to make the trip, Friedgen said, though he likely will only be used in an emergency.

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Fun's not just secondary

Defensive backs: The Terps' unit is one of the nation's best at shutting down the pass and opening eyes. And at celebrating.

By Kevin Van Valkenburg
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COLLEGE PARK - Fear the turtle. But show him a little love, too.

That's the way Domonique Foxworth saw things last year in a 34-10 win over Georgia Tech. In the closing minutes, he just happened to scoop up a fumble and return it 12 yards for a touchdown, and then, in a moment of inspiration, he casually strolled over to the bronze turtle statue in the back of the end zone at Byrd Stadium and planted a kiss on its nose. His fellow defensive backs, Curome Cox, Dennard Wilson and Madieu Williams, were in stitches.

It was typical Foxworth: creative, innovative, hilarious.

"A lot of people assumed it was premeditated, but it wasn't," he says. "I saw it there and I was having one of my better games of the season. I just thought it would be a good idea. I was just having fun out there, talking trash and celebrating with my teammates."

It was also a moment that perfectly represents the philosophy Maryland's four starting defensive backs live by: Play big, play with emotion, and whenever possible, celebrate with friends.

"I had a referee come in during the preseason to talk to our team," says Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen. "He was trying to explain that one of the things they're really emphasizing this year is cutting out taunting or excessive celebrating. So I had our video guy put together a tape of anything from last year that looked like it might get a penalty. Of course, the [defensive backs] joked that it was nothing but a tape of them."

At least they were celebrating for good reason. Last year, Foxworth, Williams, Cox and Wilson started all 14 games together, and by season's end, the unit was one of the Atlantic Coast Conference's best. Foxworth and Williams earned All-ACC honors. Cox was one of the most physical corners in the conference and returned two interceptions for touchdowns (one coming in Maryland's 30-3 victory over Tennessee in the Peach Bowl). Wilson was, according to Friedgen, the unsung hero of the defense after finishing fifth on the team in tackles with 72.

Because Maryland defensive coordinator Gary Blackney likes to blitz and attack offenses, the pressure

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is usually on the defensive backs to prevent and create game-changing plays. The No. 15 Terps return nine starters on defense from a year ago, when the team went 11-3, but in the pass-happy ACC, none may be more important than Williams, Cox, Wilson and Foxworth. And this year, the corps of four says it expects to be mentioned with the best defensive backfields in the nation.

"Our goal is to be No. 1," Wilson says. "If you're going to set goals, you've got to set them high."

Hearing that does not surprise Blackney.

"They're all leaders," he says. "They're all highly motivated. They have a closeness off the field, I think, that draws them together on the field. They know each other's strengths, assets and liabilities."

Strength has never been a liability for Cox, who pound-for-pound, is one of the strongest players on the team. (His biceps would make some linebackers jealous.) He's also considered one of the funniest, evidenced by the fact that Blackney nicknamed Cox "Jay Leno" for his penchant for wisecracking during film sessions. A starter since his freshman year, Cox is the most veteran player in the group, having started 33 games in three years. A scholar-athlete in 1999 and 2001, Cox graduated with a degree in family studies this summer.

And while expectations are high in College Park in 2003 after back-to-back seasons with at least 10 wins, Cox remembers when that wasn't always the case. The year before Friedgen arrived, Maryland won five games, finished tied for sixth in the ACC and had its fourth straight losing season under then-coach Ron Vanderlinden.

"Sometimes it's rewarding to see where we came from and to see where we're at now," Cox says. "There is definitely a sense of pride. It shows all your hard work has paid off. A lot of the younger guys, they don't know what losing is. They're not as hungry. All they know is success."

Williams can relate, having come from humble beginnings. Born in Sierra Leone in West Africa, Williams and his mother moved to the United States when he was 8 years old.

"It was tough because I didn't know what to expect coming to a new country," he says. "I was pretty naive. I just remember sandy beaches and hot weather."

When Williams came out of high school, Division I-AA Towson was the only school interested in his services. After playing for two years mostly as a cornerback for the Tigers - while getting stronger and faster - Williams decided to walk on at Maryland and transferred for the spring semester in 2000. After about two practices of watching the quiet, humble Williams play on the scout team, the Maryland staff knew a big-time player had fallen into its lap.

"The first day, you could just see he had an air and a presence about himself," Blackney says. "Right after spring, Coach Friedgen said, 'We've got to keep this kid in the program. We've got to get him a scholarship.'"

After sitting out a redshirt year, Williams cracked the starting lineup and has been there at free safety ever since. Focused and intense, he earned second-team All-ACC honors last year and was rated 11th by ESPN The Magazine out of the top 100 impact players in college football.

Foxworth took a much more traditional path to stardom. One of the top players in the country at cornerback his senior year at Western Tech, Foxworth could have gone to a number of programs. But surprisingly, he chose Maryland.

"I remember we were at his house, and his parents really wanted him to commit [to Maryland] that night," Friedgen says. "He wouldn't do it. He had promised Coach [Joe] Tiller from Purdue that he would allow him to come over first [before he decided]. I respected that. ... He's one of those kids the more you recruited him, the more you liked him."

It also was an indication that Maryland wasn't going to let other schools cherry-pick the local high school talent. Injuries thrust Foxworth into the mix his freshman year, and his performance against Clemson helped the Terps clinch its first ACC title since 1985. In 2002, he picked off five passes and led the league in passes defended.

"A lot of people will probably say I'm cocky, but I think it's just confidence," Foxworth says. "I don't think I'm good enough to where teams have to game-plan away from me, but I hope to get there soon."

Wilson, who moved to strong safety when Foxworth stepped into the lineup, doesn't have the natural speed some of his teammates do, but it's not for lack of effort.

"I have to throw Dennard off the practice field every night, or I think he'd just stay," Friedgen says.

With good reason, Cox playfully describes Wilson as "a serious old man." It's something Wilson won't outright deny.

"I'm a pretty serious guy," Wilson says. "They call me an old man. I just love being around my family. I don't think I've ever been away from my immediate family for more than a couple days. They're just 20 minutes away [in Upper Marlboro], and whenever I get the opportunity, I'm there."

He's also not afraid to step up and say what's on everyone's mind. Eighteen months ago, after seeing on ESPN's SportsCenter that Friedgen was being courted for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' head coaching position, Wilson quickly got word to his teammates on the phone.

"I told them, at the morning workout tomorrow, don't anybody take off your sweats to run," Wilson says. "I said, 'If Coach Friedgen isn't going to be our coach, then we're not running for him.'"

The next morning, Friedgen asked them what was going on.

"We need to know, right now, Coach: Are you in or are you out?" Wilson said, throwing one of Friedgen's favorite sayings back at him.

"It was a pretty emotional moment for me," Friedgen says. "I knew right then my work at Maryland wasn't done."

The phrase is now plastered on posters as the rallying cry for the 2003 season.

Says Wilson: "I think we're all leaders. I think we were born with the gift to lead. That's pretty rare to have a group with the same mentality, that when it's time to step up and face something, we take it upon ourselves to do it. And that's why I think we've been so successful."

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MICHAEL WILBON

More Than Ever, Area Football Worth a Look

You live in the South or the Midwest, it's pretty standard stuff to grab the college football schedules when they come out to see which opponents the schools where you live are playing that fall. Not just your own team, but everybody's teams, al the ones that allow you to look forward to the end of summer.

But if you live around here, around greater Washington, the pickings are usually a little sparse, particularly these last 10 years when it comes to big-time college football. Virginia Tech has become a staple, with or without young men named Vick, which is why the Tech people would have sold their souls to Lucifer to get into the Atlantic Coast Conference. But when Tech became a really big deal, Maryland hit the skids. And there was no great rush to see Virginia, either, these last few seasons. Far too often, local college football has been a way to waste time until college haskethall practice starts in the middle of October.

And that leads me to right now, the first real week of college football, which finds Virginia Tech ranked in

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Terps, Cavs Are at Big Time's Door

WILBON, *From D1*

.ybody's top 10, and both Virginia and Maryland ranked in virtually every top 20 preseason poll of consequence. Virginia's quarterback, a kid named Matt Schaub who was benched in last season's opener, is an honest-to-goodness Heisman Trophy contender. And that's a phrase not legitimately uttered around here (not counting Michael Vick) since Boomer Esiason was a senior at Maryland 19 years ago. Maryland is good enough to not even fret much over a glut of summer camp injuries. And Tech, which has another Vick on the depth chart at quarterback, might have enough to make a run at a BCS bowl.

Who says you won't see Vick play on Sunday? While Marcus Vick won't start, he'll play for the Hokies, who'll begin their season ranked No. 9 in the Associated Press poll, Sunday against Central Florida. Maryland, which opens the season Thursday night against Northern Illinois, is ranked 15th. And Virginia, which jumps into the ACC schedule Saturday against Duke, opens at No. 18.

Okay, so it's not Florida, Florida State and Miami, but it's pretty good. There are actual dates worth circling on the calendar for games that could be of national significance. In fact, Maryland

Florida State in the second week of season, Sept. 6. Even if the Terrapins lose that game, they should be 8-1 entering Thursday, Nov. 13, when they host Virginia on national television. The Cavaliers get to play Florida State at home in Charlottesville on Oct. 18 and Virginia Tech at home on Nov. 29. But they're on the road for Clemson, highly ranked North Carolina State and Maryland.

There's no question Tech is the most talented and the deepest of the three. When your second-string quarterback is Vick's kid brother, and your returning feature running back (Kevin Jones) rushed for nearly 900 yards as a backup, life is good. And they both could receive second billing to DeAngelo Hall, the cornerback-wide receiver with the Deion speed. Let's face it, getting to watch a fledgling Vick for the next few weeks is better than watching none at all. And what folks observe about Michael and Marcus so far is that they laugh alike, they walk alike, at times they even talk alike, which means some defensive coordinators will lose their minds when quarterbacks are two of a kind. You want another name? Sophomore safety Jimmy Williams; he's 6 feet 3, 213 pounds, and a masher

's loaded on offense, loaded on .se, experienced, the whole deal.

But Tech also has a November schedule (Miami, at Pitt, at Virginia) that might knock anybody out of BCS contention. Even so, Tech is a perennial threat, even if a relatively new one.

Maryland and Virginia would love to be in such a position, which Maryland Coach Ralph Friedgen spoke to yesterday. Being ranked in the top 20 means essentially nothing to Tech. But to Maryland, "it means we're starting to earn respect nationally, which is important to how we're viewed," Friedgen said.

Of attempting to battle for room at the top with the likes of Tech, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Michigan, Ohio State, Tennessee, the three Florida schools, etc., Friedgen said: "The question isn't what we've done [21-5 the last two years], but what can we continue to do? Have we arrived, or do we expect to go further? We've gone from nobody pointing at us to a lot of people pointing at us. The question becomes, 'Can we handle that or not?' Good teams can and bad teams can't."

Well, neither Maryland nor Virginia is a bad team, but Friedgen's larger point is this: It's one thing to have a breakthrough season, even a couple of really nice seasons. But it's quite another to become an elite program in college football, one of those programs that agonizes over going 7-4. The best thing Maryland and Virginia have going for them are their architects, their coaches, Friedgen and Al Groh. Not coincidentally, both coached at the college level, both went to the NFL, and both are back in college, now two of the best in their business. They have experienced the best of both worlds and can communicate it well it enough to drive points home to their players and recruits.

Virginia's Schaub, after throwing 28 touchdown passes last year, ought to be even better this season. He's not new to this offense, he's not looking over his shoulder because he's worried about being benched. Yes, it could be a problem that he has no proven receivers because of graduation and injury. The top eight receivers have barely 40 career receptions.

But coaches make a radical difference in college sports, and here's where Groh comes in. Virginia finished last in total offense, even though Schaub was the ACC player of the year, and next-to-last in total defense. But they finished tied for second in the league and return 14 of 22 starters. The coach found ways to squeeze more victories than one would expect out of the Cavaliers.

Friedgen has better talent and a deeper team now than he did last year, or the year before. Even so, Tech and Frank Beamer have already negotiated the difficult roads Maryland and Virginia will begin to drive this season, the difficult road games and trying to play through injuries and the weight of expectations. So yes, people are pointing at Virginia and Maryland, and we'll find out pretty quickly whether both programs are ready to dig in and make autumn around here a lot more fun than it has been.

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Now, McBrien Has a Good Grip on Terps' Offense

Opening Statement

■ **At Stake:** Can a season opener be a must-win? With a Week 2 date at Florida State, Maryland faces such a situation tonight. An 0-2 start, with a competitive ACC schedule looming, would deflate high expectations. A convincing win would build momentum toward what so far has been the Terrapins' impossible dream: beating the Seminoles.

■ **Burning Question:** No current college player rushed for more yards last season than Northern Illinois' Michael "The [illegible] Turner. Maryland must s[illegible] can stop the run without departed linebacker E.J. Henderson.

■ **The Last Time:** Maryland was last ranked this high entering the season in 1985, when the No. 7 Terrapins lost their opener to Penn State, 20-18.

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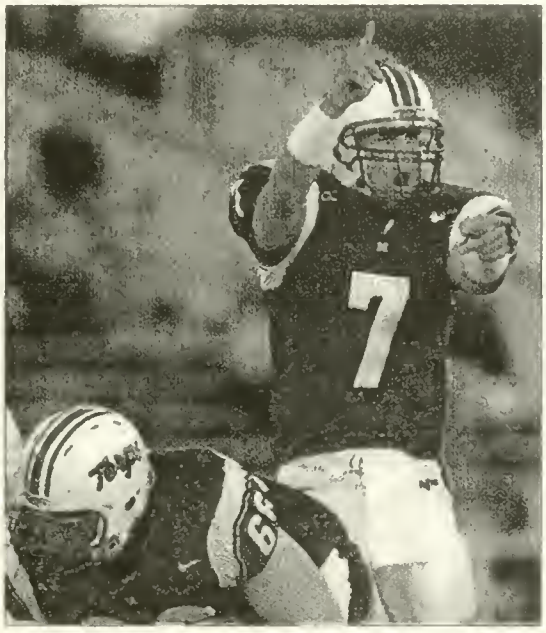

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Scott McBrien: "You don't just go out there and run plays. You've got to know why you run a certain play against a certain defense. That's what being a quarterback's all about."

By Barry Svrluga
Washington Post Staff Writer

Scott McBrien would look to the sideline, read the play that was signaled in, enter the huddle, inform his teammates, approach the line of scrimmage, survey the defense and run that very play. Every time. A safety could be blitzing. A linebacker might be dropping back into coverage. No matter. McBrien would run the play.

"He'd just run it against any kind of defense," Maryland wide receiver Latrez Harrison said. "He wouldn't change it. It didn't matter."

When McBrien comes behind center tonight, when the 15th-ranked Terrapins open the season at Northern Illinois, it will matter. The Terps' offense is expected to be at least as good—and possibly much better—than it was last year, in large part because McBrien can look out over defenses, know who will do what, and make an informed decision about where to go with the ball. Ask any number of people around the Maryland program the difference in McBrien between this August and last, and they struggle to respond, throwing up their hands, rolling their eyes, laughing at the comparison.

"It's like last year was Remedial 101," offensive coordinator Charlie Taaffe said, "and now he's at the 400 level."

"Night and day," is McBrien's characterization, but it doesn't matter. Black and white. North and south. Cats and dogs. Pick your 180-degree cliche.

"Bullets were flying left and right," McBrien said. "I was kind of lost. But it's totally different now. I know what I'm doing. I

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	Yards/Play	Turnovers/Game	Rushing Yards/Game	Passing Yards/Game	Total Offense/Game	Points Per Game
Maryland's First Three Games in 2002 (1-2)	4.1	3.0	94.0	158.7	252.7	18.0
Maryland's Next 11 Games (10-1)	6.4	1.3	227.4	199.3	426.6	39.7

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Quarterback Needs Firm Grasp

MCBRIEN, *From D1*

know why I'm doing it."

Finding the Right Coach

As McBrien learned the whats and the whys last season, he threw for 2,497 yards and was the 12th-ranked passer in the nation. Not long before, that would have been considered the ultimate success, just playing football at Maryland, playing college football at all.

McBrien, who grew up in Rockville and drove by the College Park campus every day en route to DeMatha in Hyattsville, initially played at West Virginia. Perhaps that was the first defense he surveyed correctly: Looking at the situation in Morgantown, knowing his chance to play was slipping away and calling an audible.

Rich Rodriguez had taken over for the retired Don Nehlen at WVU, and Rodriguez moved McBrien to third string. As a sophomore in 2000, he had thrown for 755 yards in 10 appearances, including one start, but he completed just 42.3 percent of his passes.

"We really thought he had an outstanding release," Nehlen said. "He was very quick. I was a little concerned about his size, but when I met him, I fell in love with the kid. He played a lot for me, and he was going to play even more. He was going to be my starter."

Yet when Nehlen retired, Rodriguez's starter was Brad Lewis; versatile Rasheed Marshall was the backup. McBrien seethed, but didn't tell anybody. On Aug. 15, 2001, he practiced with the Mountaineers in the morning, put some stuff in his car in the afternoon, blew off an evening workout, and began driving home. Already en route, he called his mother, Kathleen, who had a simple message, "Drive safely."

"I could tell he was emotional," she said. "He was just very unhappy. I wanted him to take his time, so I told him, 'Just come on home and we'll talk about it.' "

Which they did. They talked amongst themselves. They talked to McBrien's old coaches at DeMatha. They talked to Nehlen.

"I heard about what happened," Nehlen said. "But I've got to stay out of those things. I couldn't really offer much advice one way or the other."

Eventually, they talked to Ralph Friedgen. The Terps' coach was honest. He had plenty of quarterbacks in the program. He couldn't offer a scholarship. By this point, none of that mattered to McBrien.

"He said he'd rather do that than go back to West Virginia," Kathleen McBrien said. "He said, 'If I never play football, I'll be happy to be at Maryland.' I could just tell he was not going to go back. You don't push kids if they're un[illegible]

McBrien is still reluctant to discuss the circumstances of his departure—"It's over and done with, and I don't really think about it anymore," he said. But Kathleen McBrien—who made her son return to Morgantown to dress [illegible] departure with the Mountaineers' staff—can't get over her son's response to Friedgen and offensive coordinator Charlie Taaffe.

"They recruit kids and bring in kids, and then coach according to their strengths," she said. "Other coaches might want to do it the other way, and force kids to do things they can't do. That's where [Friedgen] is the genius over there, and Charlie Taaffe the same way. When Scott was struggling with the playbook, they knew how to coach and teach without making a kid feel like he's no good. They don't belittle you and make you feel like you're never going to make it."

In truth, the move has worked out for both parties. The Mountaineers, behind Marshall and a strong running game, went 9-4 last season, their most wins since 1993. McBrien led the Terps to a 10-3 regular season and a 30-3 victory over Tennessee in the Peach Bowl, and his comfort level is obvious. Last week at practice, McBrien stood beside Friedgen.

"Do you think you would have developed like this at West Virginia?" Friedgen asked him. McBrien just smiled.

The Light Comes On

Except it's a bit more complicated than that. McBrien spent that first year at Maryland living at home in Rockville, leaving at 6:30 every morning, reporting to school, then to football, arriving home each night around 10. In between he crammed [illegible] of the normal complement of courses with perhaps the most difficult, Friedgen's offense.

"He used to be upset about how much he had to learn, and he'd joke about it," Friedgen said. "But I don't hear that anymore. He's just so much quicker with everything."

Which will help, considering McBrien can't rely solely on his physical gifts, especially while recovering from the right groin strain he suffered last week in practice. He is listed at 6 feet 1, and at 182 pounds is fairly slight. But his mechanics now are nearly impeccable, and Friedgen believes that's because his feet are better, his arm is better, but most of all, his mind is better.

"He's not jumping around with his feet," Friedgen said. McBrien used to hop a bit, developing nervous feet as he figured out what to do. Now, "He knows where he wants to go with the ball, so everything's smoother. It starts with his decision-making."

A lot goes into that. There is a better knowledge of Friedgen's system. There is a better understanding of defenses. But there is also an unquisitive look in McBrien's eye, even when he's not participating in plays at practice. He stands to the side, and bounces questions off Taaffe or assistant John Donovan. Since last season, the questions have grown more intelligent. On one play in practice recently, Taaffe said, McBrien noticed a safety getting ready to blitz.

"When he's down low, the coverage is going to rotate the opposite way, right?" McBrien asked. Taaffe's face lit up. "Whoa. Yeah." Keep going, the coach thought. Keep going.

"So I've got a soft corner over that way," McBrien said, pointing. Taaffe glowed: "You got it. You got it."

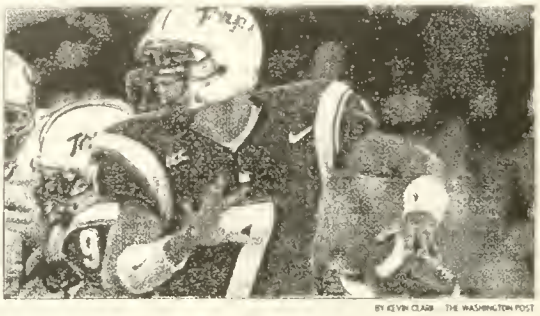
"He knew, based on that pre-snap look, where to go with the ball," Taaffe said. "It's like he already sees it before the ball's snapped, so when he gets the ball, all he has to do is get the timing of his drop, and the ball's out."

Which should make the entire offense—just fourth in the nine-team ACC last year, gaining 389.4 yards per game—more prolific. As Harrison, one of the Terps' starting wideouts said, "I would say Scott was like a Ryan Leaf last camp, compared to a Peyton Manning now."

"It's another level that you rise to," McBrien said. "You don't just go out there and run plays. You've got to know why you run a certain play against a certain defense. That's what being a quarterback's all about. Last year, I was kind of just running plays and checking [changing play calls at the line] here and there, but really not knowing why I was checking."

Tonight, he will take the field as the Terps' starter—"Our undisputed general," slot receiver Jo Jo Walker said—and begin making the decisions that will determine the course of Maryland's season.

"You just have to have faith that things happen for a reason," Kathleen McBrien said. "You question sometimes why things happen. But the timing of it all, it was just perfect."



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In his junior season, Scott McBrien's 141.3 passing rating was fifth-best in school history, as was his 2,497 yards passing. He threw for 15 TDs, ran for 7.

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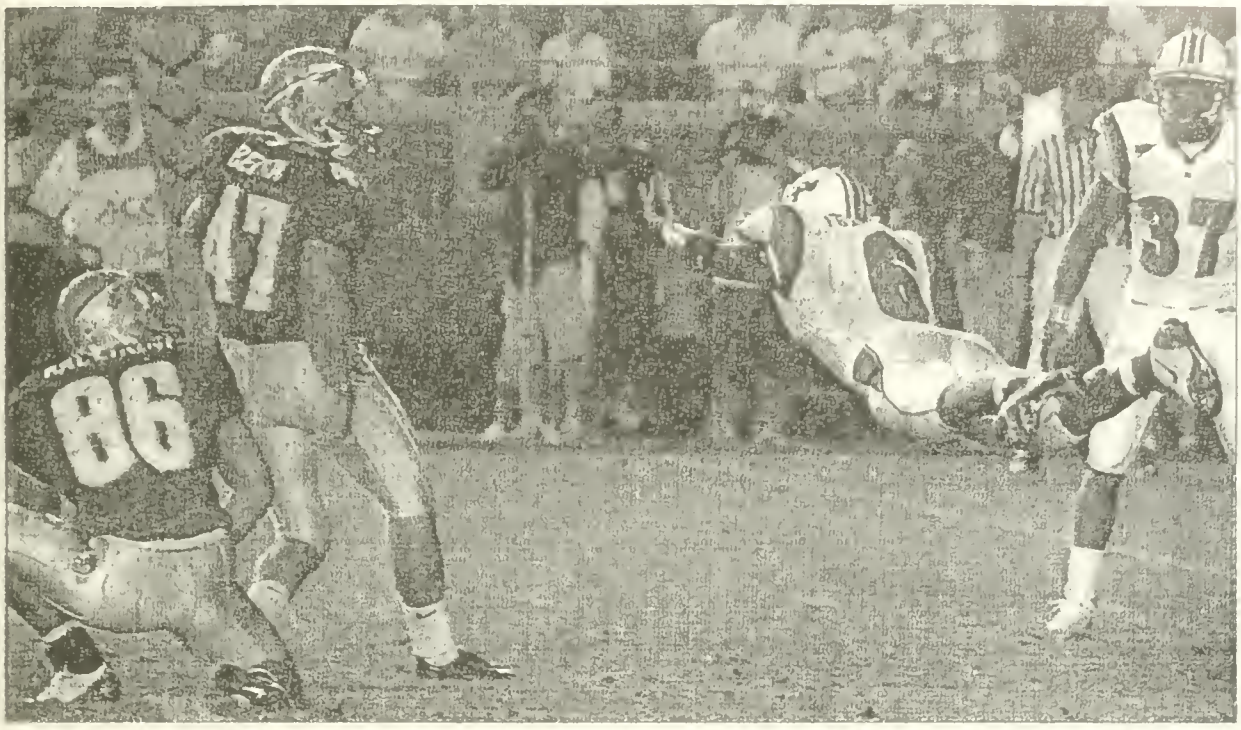

AUSTIN CHOW-THE DIAMONDBACK

Terrapin junior cornerback Domonique Foxworth dives to try and block a Florida State extra point attempt Saturday in Tallahassee, Fla. The Terps have blocked a field goal attempt in each of their first two games this season.

Cover, return teams special

Speed, commitment key to units' top-notch production

By Corey Masisak
Senior staff writer

The Terrapin football team is blessed with outstanding individuals on special teams. Players like kicker Nick Novak and return man Steve Suter are among the nation's best at their respective crafts.

One aspect of the Terps, however, tends to get lost among the high praise for Novak, Suter and new punter Adam Podlesh — the effort put forth by the special teams.

"What we have is some depth on special teams," Terps special teams and tight end coach Ray Rychleski said. "We have some guys like Gerrick McPherson who's on a lot of special teams that's doing a good job who's not a starter. Curtis Williams ... Vernon Davis ... Jamal Chance — there's a lot of guys chipping in that nobody kind of sees because they're the grunts. They're the Marines doing the dirty work."

Novak is a dependable kicker with nearly unlimited range and Suter is a burst of energy waiting to shift the momentum of a game with one play, yet the coverage and return units also make a sizable impact.

Whether the punt coverage team pins an opposing offense inside the 20-yard line or the front line creates a dent in the opponent's field goal unit to enable a blocked kick, special teams are more than just special individuals.

The Terps finished last season as the top team in the ACC in both net punting and punt returns. Part of the team's success covering punts came from former Terp Brooks Barnard's league-leading 43.1 yards per punt, but the coverage team also held opponents to just more than eight yards per return, allowing only one return for a touchdown in the first game against Notre Dame.

"We definitely have a lot of fast, agile guys that know how to get down on the ball," Podlesh said. "I think it's also a good relationship between the gunners and myself. I think that's what works other than the physical aspect."

Two years ago the Terps had problems with kickoff coverage. Twice an opponent went 100 yards for a touchdown, and the team yielded an average of 26.1 per return. Last season, there were no touchdowns and the foes' average

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was six yards less.

"It was like anything else, it was learning on the job," Rychleski said of 2001. "I tried to use too many people the first year. We played some walk-ons that maybe weren't ready. We tried to save some guys and we found out this: If you're going to win games and win them in all phases, you have to use your best players."

In 2001, the Terps finished last in the ACC in kick and punt return categories. Last season, the team was a worst-to-first turnaround in both areas.

The biggest impact this season has come on opponents' field goal attempts. Curtis Williams forced overtime against Northern Illinois, and D'Qwell Jackson blocked a field goal against Florida State.

"We are pretty good, but we want to make a difference," Rychleski said. "It's a shame we didn't win that first one in overtime, because we would have made a difference with the blocked field goal."

■ **TERP NOTES:** Terp coach Ralph Friedgen said backup right guards Ed Tyler (elbow) and Akil Patterson (high ankle sprain) are both doubtful for the team's home opener Saturday against The Citadel. Friedgen said he is unsure who will start against the Bulldogs. Friedgen said tailback Bruce Perry is also doubtful after reinjuring his right ankle.

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When Facing Challenges, McBrien's Old School

He Prepares for West Virginia Reunion

By Barry Svrluga
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Here's what Maryland quarterback Scott McBrien has to say about Saturday's game against West Virginia, the school from which he transferred: "It was defi-ly a lot different last year. I think I'm r that."

Here's what one person who knows McBrien fairly well—his father, Ernie—has to say on the same subject: "I don't think it's going to be much different than last year, to tell you the truth."

Perhaps they're both right, to a degree. McBrien is a year older, a senior, one more season removed from his August 2001 exit from Morgantown, W. Va., a departure that came when new Mountaineers coach Rich Rodriguez wanted something different at quarterback, and McBrien tumbled down the depth chart.

Last year, the Terps played in Morgantown, and it was just McBrien's sixth game as Maryland's starter. The separation anxiety was still fresh, still raw. Saturday, the game will be in comfortable College Park, and though McBrien is off to something of a slow start, he is far more seasoned. He is the MVP of the Peach Bowl, the kid with

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BY TRACY A. WOODWARD—THE WASHINGTON POST

Last season, in Morgantown, Scott McBrien opened scoring with 21-yard touchdown run, which led to a 48-17 romp for the Terps. He transferred from WVU after coaching change.

Terps' McBrien Prepares for Reunion

TERRAPINS, *From D1*

whom much of the Terps' offensive fortunes rest.

Those are the differences, the then-vs.-now. It's one thing on which McBrien and Rodriguez agree.

"I don't think it's as much of an issue as last year," Rodriguez said. "Now, it's more West Virginia against Maryland. It's not really going to be brought up at all."

"Last year was the big build-up," McBrien said Saturday night following the Terps' first win of the year, a 61-0 thumping of The Citadel. "I was going back to Morgantown, playing in front of fans that either loved me or hated me.

"Now, we're treating it as just another opponent coming in here that wants to beat us."

The problem, though, is it's not just another opponent. Just another opponent wouldn't include your best friend. Just another opponent wouldn't have kids with whom you used to share your room, your complaints, your life.

Maryland Coach Ralph Friedgen understands the differences between this opponent and, say, The Citadel for McBrien. So for the second straight year, he has prohibited McBrien from conducting media interviews during the week leading up to the game against the Mountaineers (1-2).

"I think it'll always be a big deal for Scott, and I think it'll always be a big deal for West Virginia," Friedgen said. "I don't think he needs that to cloud up his mind. I think that's my responsibility, to protect him." McBrien's mother, Kathy, called that tactic "a genius move" on Friedgen's part. A year ago, she thought it helped her son focus when the Terps traveled to Morgantown. That experience could have been tough, what with jeering fans and memories of Mountaineer Field.

"I think it was difficult at first," Ernie McBrien said. "But after he scored that first touchdown . . ."

Ah, yes, that first touchdown. McBrien opened a 48-17 Maryland rout by sprinting 21 yards for the first of four first-quarter scores for the Terps. The crowd quieted. McBrien exhaled.

"I was just ecstatic," Ernie McBrien said. "I don't jump out of my seat very often, but I was so happy. He had gone out and proven himself against them." Which, to a certain degree, he needed to do, though it's not something he harps on. McBrien is polite and accommodating; he isn't a rabble-rouser.

Given the opportunity to boast about the victory afterward, he declined to speak to the media. Inside, though, it meant something, because he felt Rodriguez—who demoted McBrien to third string after he replaced the retired Don Nehlen—hadn't given him a fair opportunity. He was unhappy. He left.

"I'm positive it was a tough decision to leave," Ernie McBrien said. "I was just proud of him, because he did what he felt was right. He didn't know if he'd set foot on another football field. He was just so uncomfortable up there."

But McBrien's reserved nature doesn't just include the media. Even Friedgen said McBrien's even temper used to bother him; Friedgen is emotional himself, and he likes to see some of that from his players. Not McBrien.

"I always said he'd be a great poker player," Friedgen said.

Given that demeanor, perhaps it's not surprising that even as preseason practice became difficult back in the summer of 2001, no one really understood what McBrien felt. "It's tough for me to get anything out of him," Ernie McBrien said.

There are certain things, though, parents just sense. McBrien's father heard something in his son's voice over the phone. So one Monday, he drove to Morgantown. He watched the Mountaineers' morning practice session.

"The coach wouldn't let him take a snap," Ernie McBrien said. "It was clear he wasn't getting a shot. I talked with him after practice, at the break. We had lunch, and he still didn't tell me what was wrong. I thought he had given up. . . .

"Rich Rodriguez, he was looking for another Michael Vick. Scott's just a drop-back quarterback. Rodriguez wasn't going to give him a shot."

Yet the dynamic between quarterback and coach isn't the one that's likely to affect McBrien the most this week. His best friend is West Virginia cornerback Brian King, who is from Damascus. He still has plenty of good friends on the Mountaineers. He knows he will hear from those folks all week.

"Brian's like my brother, honestly," McBrien said. "We talk every day, almost. . . . I mean, we're like family. It's nothing big. There's no trash-talking or anything. We talk about not only football, but things in everyday life."

King declined to speak with Maryland-area media this week, understanding the focus on his relationship with the player who, at least for this week, is the enemy. But the issue is out there, for so many Mountaineers.

"It was weird at first, playing against him last year," said Mountaineers linebacker Grant Wiley, one of McBrien's old roommates. "I remember we'd always talk, and when things weren't going well, we'd say, 'Can you imagine transferring?' And neither one of us could.

"But things weren't working out for him, and he did. So it's weird looking across the line of scrimmage and seeing your boy over there. You have to get used to it."

McBrien, by now, is used to being at Maryland, used to wearing red instead of dark blue. Sure, Saturday in College Park may be much different from 2002 in Morgantown, but it is also different from every other opponent on the Terps' schedule.

"I've still got a lot of close friends up in Morgantown," McBrien said. "It is fun, playing against them. But that's something I can't think about. I've got to treat it as a normal game and a regular opponent coming in here to try to beat us. I've got to take my focus off of who we're playing, or who I'm playing against, and just go out and play."

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One cut upfield and he's gone

Terps: Steve Suter was once deemed too small to play football, but his speed makes him a threat to score every time he touches the ball.

By KEVIN VAN VALKENBURG
SUN STAFF

COLLEGE PARK — The ball is in the air.

The smallest player on the field shuffles his feet, looks skyward and moves into position.

An army of tacklers is thundering down on him, looking to separate his head from his body.

Fifty-thousand pairs of eyes watch, and the stadium pulses with anticipation.

In a few seconds, they'll be on their feet and screaming, and he'll be racing toward the end zone. But at this moment, Steve Suter hears nothing. It's true what they say: For the best punt returners, things get real quiet. Everything slows down, right up until the second the ball flutters softly into his hands. By then, there's only time for a quick glance upfield, and maybe one cut.

Before the other team realizes what's happening, Suter is gone.

"It's just a blur of colors," he says.

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Steve Suter is congratulated by teammates after his 75-yard punt return against The Citadel. He returned four for TDs last season.

In the past year, nobody has kept his calm in those moments of special teams fury quite like Suter, who tied an NCAA record in 2002 with four punt returns for touchdowns. His speed and vision make him a threat to score every time the ball ends up in his hands, which Maryland would like to see happen a lot more these days, starting with tomorrow's game against West Virginia. Suter, who missed Maryland's [*See Terps, 3D*]

Next for Terps

Matchup: West Virginia (1-2) vs. Maryland (1-2)

Site: Byrd Stadium, College Park

When: Tomorrow, 6 p.m.

Radio: WNST (1570 AM), WMAL (630 AM)

Line: Maryland by 9

Tickets: Sold out

One cut is all it takes for Suter

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season opener with an injury, will start at receiver for the second straight week.

Even when he's not at his best, Suter can still be electric, as evidenced during last week's 61-0 win over The Citadel. Weak from nervous vomiting during pre-game, and still nursing a hamstring injury, Suter returned a punt 75 yards for a touchdown and admitted afterward he never even reached top speed.

"I've never seen anyone like him," says Ray Rychleski, Maryland's special teams coach. "He can feel a guy in front of him and still concentrate on the ball. He just has that instinct. He knows when people are near, he knows how to catch the ball, and he knows how to make the first guy miss.

"That's the key, making the first guy miss. From that point, you need some help. And guys really love and respect him. They know he can take it to the house every time, so they're going to try and do everything they can to not screw it up."

Raising eyebrows

It's not something many would have predicted when Suter arrived at Maryland in 2000. Recruited out of North Carroll High School by former coach Ron Vanderlinden, the 5-foot-9, 190-pound Suter was the second-smallest player on the team. Only the kicker, Brian Kopka, was smaller. More than a few eyebrows were raised.

"I've always been little," Suter says. "I'm used to it. I've just always tried to use my size as an advantage instead of looking at it as a disadvantage."

Growing up in the small town of Manchester, Suter was always fast, but he hardly seemed predestined for greatness.

"They'd have those little kid races in school, and he'd win every one," says his mother, Lynn Suter. "Coaches and gym teachers were always telling us what a great athlete he was, but we'd never had a son before. We had nothing to compare it with. I remember in elementary school, someone told me he'd probably be good enough to get a college scholarship one day. I was like, 'Really?' It seemed like a long ways off to me."

Baseball, in fact, was Suter's first love. He could fly around the base paths, track down fly balls in the gap and, most importantly in his mother's eyes, avoid getting hurt.

That all changed when John Etzel, who coached football with the Hampstead Recreation Council, spotted him during a baseball game and persuaded him to come out for football. Lynn Suter was not thrilled.

"She was a little reluctant to let her little boy get beat on," Suter says. "Luckily, [Etzel] convinced her it would be fine, thank God, and things took off from there."

By the time Suter got to high school, he was still only 126 pounds, and the coaching staff wasn't convinced he could take a pounding at the varsity level. Several freshmen got the chance to join the varsity late in the year, but Suter wasn't one of them.

"He's always been a star at everything, so that was a major wakeup call," says Lynn Suter. "He immediately went and started lifting weights and getting stronger."

Impressions quickly changed. Suter made the varsity as a sophomore, and over the next three years, he rushed for more than 4,000 yards. By the time he was a senior, he was signing autographs for little kids. North Carroll, however, wasn't exactly a recruiting hotbed, and so when Suter sent a highlight tape to Maryland, he was a little hurt when he never heard back.

Suter

"I think they threw it in a closet and forgot about it," Suter says. "I showed up at their camp and ran like the fastest 40 time [4.3 seconds] and had the highest vertical jump. They were like, 'Wow, why don't you send us a highlight tape?' I said, 'Um, I sent you one six months ago.' They called me back a few weeks later and said, 'We like what we see.' "

Speed kicks in

Problem was, Suter couldn't stay healthy enough to get on the field. His knees have never been great (he's had three surgeries on them already), and his freshman year at Maryland, he broke the pointer finger on his left hand so badly, he had to have a pin inserted to help the break heal.

"He really messed up his hand," Lynn Suter says. "I told him to hang up his spikes because he was just suffering. The pin is still there, and the finger doesn't bend. They weren't sure if he'd be able to catch with it."

As a result, Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen didn't know what to think about Suter.

"Everyone kept saying how fast he was, but I didn't see it," Friedgen says. "Then last year, things started to click for him and his speed really became a factor. He's such a bright guy, too. For some guys, that doesn't translate into football intelligence, but it does for Steve."

In Maryland's opener last season, Suter returned a kickoff 51 yards against Notre Dame. In the next game against Akron, he burst free for an 81-yard punt return. After punt returns for touchdowns against Duke and West Virginia, Friedgen started looking for ways to get Suter the ball any way he could. In Maryland's upset win over N.C. State, Suter scored on a 61-yard reverse, then later caught a 36-yard pass that set up the game-winning field goal.

"He is such a talent," N.C. State coach Chuck Amato said of Suter after the game. "When you have someone that can make plays for you, you need to find ways to put the ball in his hands."

He was avoiding tacklers left and right, and was on his way to being named first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference. He also had one of the highest grade point averages on the team (3.8). There was one thing, however, he couldn't shake: his habit of pre-game puking. Without fail, five minutes before kickoff, teammates know they can find Suter throwing up in the bathroom stalls.

"I've tried everything," Suter says. "It's something I've done since high school. I've tried eating more, eating less, drinking water, it doesn't matter. Seems like every game I'm good for one of those. I don't know if I just can't control my emotions or what, but I just get too excited out there."

Except on punt returns. There he's a picture of calm. Suter even watches sometimes on the scoreboard video screen to see if anyone is about to catch him from behind. Against The Citadel, just as Suter was breaking into the open, he happened to lock eyes with his roommate Domonique Foxworth, who was sprinting back to block a would-be tackler.

"I was going left and I saw a guy I need to cut back on," Suter says. "I looked up and made eye contact with Domonique. He knew. He bumped his guy out, I cut left and was gone. It's always cool when you do that, because later we're like, 'I saw you! I saw you!' ...

"I really like being a returner. I love the feeling of breaking tackles. I look up sometimes and see my name on the stadium [for being named All-ACC], and I can't believe it. It's a dream come true."

Breaking away

Steve Suter's longest key plays for Maryland:

2002

- 81-yard punt return for TD vs. Akron
- 91-yard TD catch vs. Eastern Michigan
- 80-yard punt return for TD vs. West Virginia
- 63-yard punt return for TD vs. Duke
- 77-yard punt return for TD vs. North Carolina
- 61-yard TD run on a reverse vs. N.C. State
- 79-yard punt return vs. Tennessee in Peach Bowl

2003

- 75-yard punt return for TD vs. The Citadel

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Terrapins Play Follow the Young Leader

With Inspired Performances, Sophomore LB Jackson Shows Way

By Barry Svrluga
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Two weeks ago, Maryland lost to Florida State, 35-10, the kind of game, it would seem, from which little positive can be taken. The Terrapins' lone touchdown that night came on an interception return by sophomore linebacker D'Qwell Jackson, a 58-yard first-quarter jaunt that amounted to little more than filler for "SportsCenter's" highlight reel, one terrific Terps play on a night of terrible twists and turns.

Turns out, though, that one play meant something more than just six points.

"The touchdown wasn't like just a walk in the park," Maryland Coach Ralph Friedgen said this week. "He bowls over two guys and shows his determination to get in the end zone. Then, they intercept a ball, and he goes and blocks a field goal.

"When you do some things like that, your fellow players start to get some respect for you. There's an admiration that's built up, whether you're a sophomore or a senior. [Players say], 'This guy's getting it done on the field.' "

Thus far this season, Jackson has gotten it done for the Terrapins (1-2), who host West Virginia (1-2) on Saturday evening. After earning the middle linebacker job, the one that had been held by all-American E.J. Henderson of the Minnesota Vikings, Jackson has performed more admirably than Friedgen could have hoped. He leads the team with 10.3 tackles per game. He scored that touchdown against FSU, plowing through Seminoles tailback Lorenzo Booker and quarterback Chris Rix, flicking them off his shoulders as if they were annoying insects.

More surprising: Jackson, just three weeks into his true sophomore season, has begun to develop into a leader.

"It's not something that you plan," Jackson said. "You don't tell yourself you're going to be a leader. I guess it's just got to come from within you. Obviously, I try to lead by example and then try to pump the guys up. I'm always trying to get guys to rally behind me. So are the other guys, but if I stick out, then I'll take on that responsibility."

Friedgen says Jackson is ready to take on that responsibility not only because of his play—which the coach admits is far ahead of what he expected—but because of his overall approach. At just 6 feet 1 and 222 pounds, Jackson isn't physically gifted enough to just flip some switch to autopilot and let his talent take over. Rather, he comes to practice every day not just trying to make it through, but trying to get better. Friedgen knows it sounds like a cliché, typical coach-speak. He also thinks it matters.

"You watch D'Qwell in practice, and he's very precise," Friedgen said. "He's very sharp. He's always pad-under-pad [when making tackles]. He looks his tackles in. Football is very, very important to D'Qwell. He wants to be as good as he can be."

In the process, he just might be making other players as good as they can be. Outside linebacker Leon Joe is a senior, a player so talented that Friedgen predicts when Joe goes through the NFL's battery of pre-draft tests, "he'll blow the test away." Yet Joe doesn't play as consistently as Friedgen would like. The attention to detail isn't always there. The coach's message: Watch Jackson.

"I see him every day in practice, and I know what he's capable of," Joe said. "I know he has that kind of ability [to be a leader]. He's pretty vocal, and that's something that we haven't had around here. We've got a lot of older guys who don't yell and scream. I guess he likes the rah-rah stuff."

Friedgen, though, doesn't see it that way. Jackson, he said, doesn't seem like the rah-rah type to him. "He's more of an introverted guy," Friedgen said.

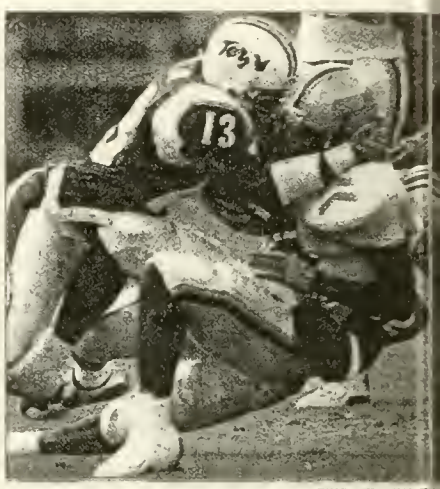
In that way, he is like Henderson. Watch what I do, and follow my lead.

"Any time you go out and make plays like D'Qwell has made," safety Madieu Williams said, "you definitely look at them as a leader. There's that old saying: Actions speak louder than words. Just look at his actions."

The rah-rah stuff, though, does come out occasionally. Prior to the Florida State game, the two teams approached each other at midfield, something of a stand-off right after the coin toss. The Terps were trying to tell the Seminoles they would hold their ground. Jackson, from Largo, Fla., was the most boisterous of the bunch, bouncing around, jumping up and down, almost flipping out.

"I couldn't contain myself," he said.

Now, the question is, Can other teams contain him?



BY NICK WASS - ASSOCIATED

D'Qwell Jackson, helped by Dennard Wilson (13), makes tackle; he's averaging team-high 10.3, has earned respec Coach Ralph Friedgen, teammates during Terrapins' 1-2 s

Terrapins Notes: Friedgen was pleased with yes day's early-morning workout, which got under wa 5:50 a.m. to avoid Hurricane Isabel. The Terps began practice with John Denver's "Country Road"—comp with West Virginia reference—floating through speakers. Friedgen said some of his coaches had s overnight at the football facility in order to prepare workout. . . .

Friedgen said tailback Bruce Perry, recovering fro sprained ankle, practiced very well Wednesday and terday. "I thought he was better than he was at Flo State," Friedgen said, referring to Perry's only app ance thus far this year. Perry will play, but sophom Josh Allen will start. . . .

Guard Lamar Bryant, recovering from a broken f practiced again, but the foot still gets stiff, Friedgen s Bryant almost certainly will play, but it will be a ga time decision as to whether he'll start. Sophomore Patterson likely would start in Bryant's place.

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Happy returns for Terps' Suter

By Rick Snider
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Maryland vs. West Virginia
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The normal zip that makes Maryland's Steve Suter one of the nation's top return threats has been tempered by a strained hamstring. So naturally, he scored on a 75-yard punt return against The Citadel.

Maybe first gear is still enough.

Suter will start at wide receiver for the second straight game against West Virginia tomorrow night at Byrd Stadium. The Terrapins need more playmakers on an offense that scored one touchdown in its first two games before overwhelming The Citadel, a Division I-AA team, 61-0 last week.

Suter's penchant for big plays has the Terps eager for him to double up on offense. He averages 17.1 yards a touch on returns and receptions combined and plays all three receiver positions.

"He gives you that 'presence' demonstrated by big plays every time he touches the ball," offensive coordinator Charlie Taaffe said.

Several breakdowns have hindered Maryland's passing game. Quarterback Scott McBrien missed some downfield chances. Injuries to three right guards compromised pass protection and the running game didn't produce the first two weeks. The receivers dropped several balls in the season-opening 20-13 overtime loss to Northern Illinois.

The Terps are hoping Suter fills the downfield void. His speed over the middle stretches defenses by drawing defenders. Suter also gains yardage after the catch, which Maryland's receivers haven't done consistently.

However, Suter believes his return technique compromises his role as a receiver because the two jobs require different styles of watching the ball.

"It hurts me more because as a returner, you catch the ball with your body," he said. "You can't do that as a receiver."

Suter's touchdown against The Citadel was his school-record fifth touchdown return in two seasons, and he needs 20 yards to become Maryland's career return leader. Suter has proven fearless on punts, sometimes returning ones which coach Ralph Friedgen would prefer to see as fair catches.

"I just block [opponents] out," Suter said. "It won't hurt if you concentrate on the ball."

Suter also is elusive, breaking two early tackles in his long return against The Citadel. His smallish 5-foot-9, 191-pound frame sometimes enables him to slip under bigger defenders. He is also one of the "Iron Terps" who set three team weightlifting marks for receivers along with a 42-inch vertical leap and 4.35-second speed over 40 yards.

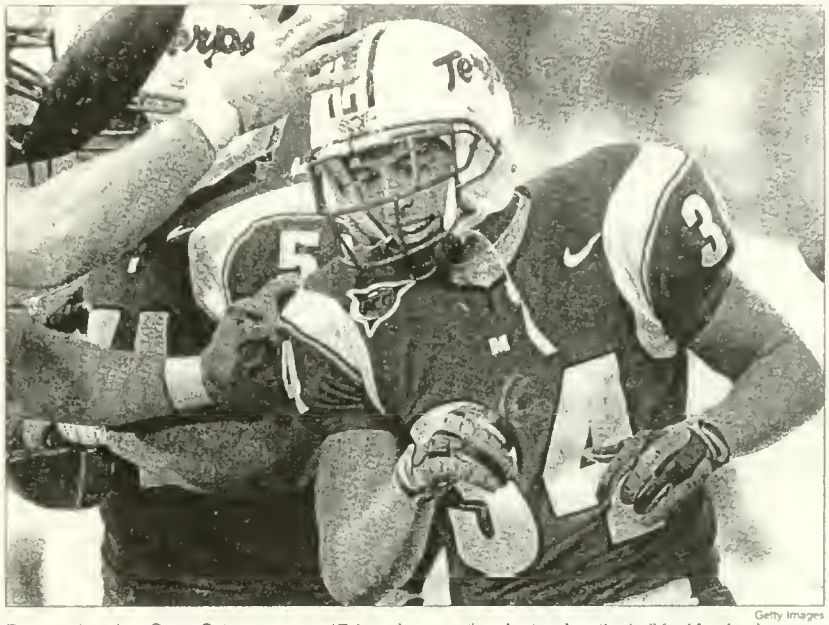
"You have your helmet halfway on because you might have to sit back down if he scores a touchdown," offensive tackle Eric Dumas said.

Friedgen said special teams blockers also work harder for Suter, fearing he may need their downfield block even if they're far from the ball. None wants to be the reason Suter is caught downfield.

Notes — The Terps managed a complete practice yesterday; starting at 5:50 a.m. with "Country Roads" blaring out of the speakers. Five coaches slept overnight in offices readying for the pre-dawn workout to beat the bad weather.

"I went down to the locker room and didn't hear any complaining," Friedgen said. "The only thing I heard was somebody say this seems like a long lunch break since they practiced [Wednesday] night." . . .

Running back Bruce Perry (high ankle sprain) will play as a reserve. Guard Lamar Bryant is expected to start after missing three games with a broken ankle, but Akil Patterson could see some snaps. . . . The West Virginia game is sold out. . . . Today's fan breakfast with Friedgen was canceled.



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Returner/receiver Steve Suter averages 17.1 yards every time he touches the ball for Maryland.

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Terps get Bullish

By Rick Snider

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The Terrapins are getting bullish on their running game.

Sammy "the Bull" Maldonado is emerging as a big part of the Maryland offense — and as something of a cult figure among teammates and fans.

Maybe it's the tattoo on his left forearm that depicts a skull carrying a football that indicates his toughness. Perhaps the one on his right shoulder of a lion playing poker with a stack of cash shows he's a money player.

Whatever it is, the Terps are taking notice of this tough-talking New Yorker from coach Ralph Friedgen's hometown.

The Terrapins running back never told teammates that "the Bull" also was his nickname in high school, where he nailed opposing runners as a linebacker. It's just a natural moniker that has followed him.

But now his Maryland teammates can't pass him by without calling out, "Sammy the Bull." It's sort of a superstition, such as rubbing the Testudo statue's nose outside the locker-room door.

Maldonado and Josh Allen will share backfield duties while Bruce Perry (high ankle sprain) will be limited at best against West Virginia on Saturday. The tandem gained 202 yards and three touchdowns in last week's 61-0 romp over The Citadel.

The Terps plan to rely heavily on their ground game because quarterback Scott McBrien hasn't progressed as much as expected. Maryland figures a solid ground game will enhance McBrien's passing, so Allen and Maldonado will carry the ball regularly against West Virginia.

"Sammy wears them out — he allows me to go in there and do my thing," Allen said. "It's hard [for defenses] to get used to the tempo. He's going to bust up there real hard. I have the speed to get outside. It's different threats."

Maldonado still has a linebacker's mentality. He challenges defenders, and his 6-foot, 231-pound frame is thick enough to win some of the clashes.

"If I deliver the first blow there's no chance of [a defender] giving me the hit," he said. "I'm not one to make a lot of moves. I make one move. If you're in my way, I'll run you over."

Maldonado barreled over The Citadel's defenders regularly for two touchdowns and 66 yards on 12 carries. Friedgen jokingly calls Maldonado "Sammy the Bull" when he runs straight ahead but "Ferdinand the bull" when he takes it outside like Allen.

"Sammy will pick his own hole and make one if he doesn't see it," offensive tackle Eric Dumas said. "He'll go head first. He'll let anybody know he'll run you over. He won't try to outrun you like Josh."

Maldonado was once one of the top prep runners nationally. He gained more than 7,000 yards with 99 touchdowns at Harrison High School in New York, where Friedgen played in the 1960s under his father, who also played there in the Depression era. The school's roots are so intertwined that Maldonado's prep coach, Art Troilo, was the son of Friedgen Sr.'s successor.

Maldonado scored seven touchdowns in a playoff game where the local paper headlined him as "the Bull." He once kept running after losing his helmet. Ten touchdown runs of 50 or more yards were negated by penalties.

"Sammy was really looked up to here," Troilo said. "Every kid wants to be like Sammy. He was a tremendous competitor — the rare combination of size and speed. The more he played, the better he would be."

Maldonado transferred to Maryland last year after playing little in two seasons at Ohio State. He sat out one year under the mandatory transfer penalty, working just on the scout team and taking 43 credits in one year to remain eligible instead of the usual 24.

Finally, Maldonado played before friendly fans and scored touchdowns against The Citadel. It felt like Harrison High once again.

"I really missed Saturdays," he said. "It just felt so great to be in the end zone."

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Playing with heart

Eli capitalizing on opportunities

By Corey Masisak
Senior staff writer

Football players thrive on emotion. They feed off heart-pounding adrenaline. Often it inspires them to perform better than their talents would suggest one capable.

But for Terrapin defensive end Kevin Eli, a normal heartbeat is something he welcomes.

Eli missed practice time on multiple occasions during preseason camp because his heart rate spiked to abnormal levels. His heart would suddenly beat at a dangerously rapid pace, causing him to have trouble catching his breath and forcing him to stop practicing.

Each time it happened, Eli had several tests run to pinpoint the problem. Medical personnel couldn't find a finite condition to explain his malady. They said it was something less concrete: Eli was too stressed.

"I think because this year I'm a backup and knowing that I'm an injury away from playing I put a lot of pressure on myself to do good in practice. That way in the game it will just come to me," said Eli, a junior. "I calmed down a lot, and I played pretty good."

Anxiety issues kept him out last Monday, but Eli practiced the rest of the week and made his first career start Saturday in place of injured starter Scott Smith.

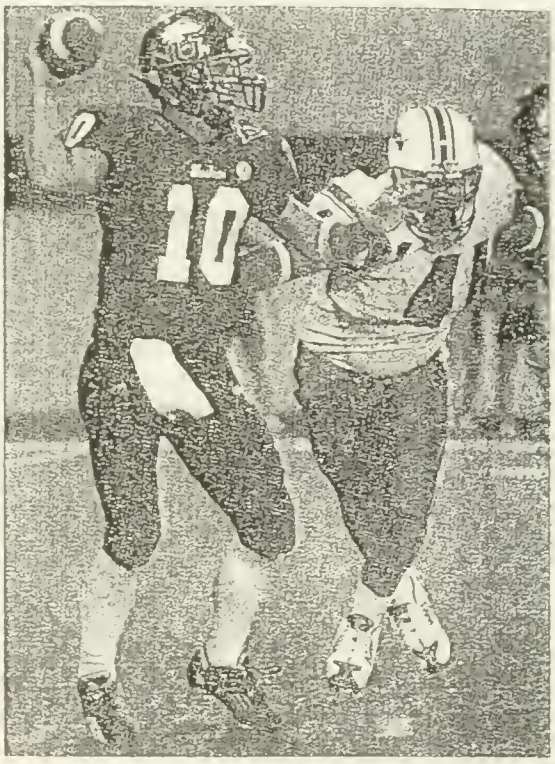
He had the best performance of his career, recording three stops behind the line of scrimmage. He sacked West Virginia quarterback Rasheed Marshall twice and hounded him on other occasions.

"I thought [Eli] played very well," Terp coach Ralph Friedgen said. "He came up with a couple of big plays, they were trying to bootleg to his side, and he contained it about every time."

Eli is in his fourth year with the Terps. He was once a highly sought-after recruit from Deptford, N.J., who then struggled with the adjustment to college football. His biggest problem was strength. Friedgen said Eli was one of the weaker players on the team when he arrived before the 2001 season.

But at the start of this season, Eli registered a 370-pound bench press on testing day and is an Iron Terp, a group of players who meet certain standards in the weight room.

"He's a kid who hung in the program, got better and when we needed him he stepped up," Friedgen said. "He's played very well this whole year. He's playing his best football of his life right now, and we're happy to have him."



AUSTIN CHOW/ THE DIAMONDBACK
Junior Kevin Eli leads the Terrapins with four sacks.

As a defensive end, Eli's biggest responsibility is outside containment. It's his job to force running backs to cut back toward the rest of the defense and also to keep opposing quarterbacks from scrambling into open space.

That was especially important Saturday with Marshall's outstanding athletic ability. Marshall finished with -11 yards rushing and was never able to help his team gain momentum with a critical scramble for first down.

His success this season isn't confined to this past Saturday. He played well in limited duty behind Smith in the first three games and leads the Terps with four sacks.

"We've always had confidence in Kevin's ability," defensive tackle Randy Starks said. "It's just been a matter of him waiting for his chance."

Washington Post • Sept. 25, 2003

Terps' Bryant Is Tuning Up

Back From Injury, Singing Senior Solidifies Line

By Barry Svrluga
Washington Post Staff Writer

All eyes upon him as he stood on the field, Lamar Bryant was nervous. Rarely is an offensive lineman—even Maryland's best offensive lineman—so much in the spotlight.

In fact, football is rarely a problem any more for Bryant, a fifth-year senior and a three-year starter who made his first appearance of the season for the Terrapins in Maryland's 34-7 victory over West Virginia this past Saturday.

Rather, Bryant's nerves came last spring, prior to, of all things, a women's lacrosse game. Bryant stood upright, microphone in hand, to sing the national anthem. He had already started 31 varsity football games by then, already played in the Peach Bowl, already won the ACC championship. Yet he trembled.

"It felt like I was up there for three hours singing," Bryant said. "It felt like a long, long time."

Maryland's offense felt like it was without Bryant for a long, long time. The Terps' starting right guard broke his foot in preseason practice and missed the first three games. At 6 feet 3 and 318 pounds, Bryant is gifted physically, and the Terps

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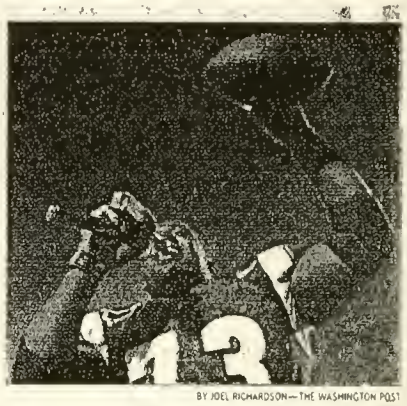

BY JOEL RICHARDSON—THE WASHINGTON POST

Lamar Bryant combines two loves—singing and football—leading a rendition of Maryland fight song after his season debut, against W. Virginia.

Bryant Can Carry a Tune, Bolster an Offens

BRYANT, *From D1*

struggled without him, managing just one touchdown in their first two games.

"I don't know if it was all because of Lamar or not," quarterback Scott McBrien said, and indeed, tailback Bruce Perry was hampered by a sprained ankle, McBrien himself got off to an inexplicably slow start, and the Terps' second opponent, Florida State, has yielded just two touchdowns in its four games.

So whether the initial struggles were primarily because of Bryant's absence, what's undeniably important is Bryant's personality. Singers, even those who get nervous before a performance, are outgoing by nature, and Bryant is exactly that. As Perry said: "It's not just his play. It's his presence."

"When you have Lamar in the huddle, that gives you a lot of confidence," McBrien said. "That brightens everybody up. When you're sitting there, and you don't see Lamar, people might be hanging their heads a little bit, saying, 'Well, we don't have Lamar. We might not be able to do this. We might not be able to do that.' He brings a whole new atmosphere to the huddle."

It's an atmosphere that might be accompanied by a little tune, straight from Bryant's ample pipes. At lulls in the huddle, he occasionally dances to the sounds of the school band, though he thinks Tampa Bay's Warren Sapp—who got a little jiggy after scoring a touchdown Sunday—"needs help." Bryant figures he could supply it.

"The kid sings more than anybody I know," McBrien said. "Every day, he sings a new song."

And there's no preference, really. "Could be rap music, some R&B, might even be some country," Bryant said. "Whatever I feel like."

Lest the song-and-dance routine fool you, be reminded that Bryant was a second-team all-ACC performer a year ago. He is powerful—and emotional. Self-described as "wild" on the field—"I used to dive for loose balls and crack my head open every week" in high school, he said—his teammates must always be wary of what he might do next.

"He's a guy you got to make sure doesn't get kicked out of the game, he gets so excited," right tackle Eric Dumas said. "He gets to where he wants to fight defensive linemen and stuff."

Perhaps that is what Maryland's offense was missing—that fight—in season-opening losses to Northern Illinois and Florida State. Bryant's return against West Virginia came at a perfect time, in a key nonconference game when the offense needed to perform well. It did just that, ringing up 260 yards rushing and looking as good as it has all season. Still, Coach Ralph Friedgen said Bryant can—and will—perform much better.

"He's just a little rusty," Friedgen said. "He hasn't practiced for five weeks. His assignments are fine. It's just his pass protection is not where it was before he got hurt."

Before his career ends this year, Bryant would like to sing the national anthem before one of Maryland's home games. "Coach is worried I'd lose my focus on the game," he said.

Yet Friedgen seems to be relenting, though not without reservations. Last year, at a banquet prior to the Peach Bowl, Bryant was part of an ensemble singing the anthem. "It really wasn't fair to him," Friedgen said. Each singer would be pointed to, and have to sing the upcoming lines. When the leader pointed at Bryant, he had one eye on a giant television screen. When he realized was happening, he froze, forgetti words. He didn't sing.

"Then they hit him for the last part song," Friedgen said, "and he really ha it up."

He will be humming it up Saturday the Terps play at Eastern Michigan. clear his throat, work out the rust, and familiar tune.

"It's so great to be back," Bryan "When you're out, you miss it so mu hard. But when you get back, you app it so much more."

Terrapins Notes: Friedgen said tailback Sammy Maldonado has be pended indefinitely for violating an closed team rule. "He'll be back even Friedgen said. "I've got to see how haves before I determine when h back." Maldonado has rushed for 21 and two touchdowns on 38 carries.

Wide receiver Jafar Williams (han ticipated in part of practice yester Friedgen said he would have to impro nificantly to be ready to play at E Michigan. Fullback Bernie Fiddler (practiced, but remains doubtful.

Terps survive uneven start, regain their balance again

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MIKE PRESTON

THE UNIVERSITY of Maryland's football team has taken detours in DeKalb, Ill., and Tallahassee, Fla., but the Terps appear to be back on the road to success.

Impact players are healthy again, including the team's top running back. The national pressure is off, the coach has a better feel for his players, and Maryland always gets better as the season progresses.

The Terps (2-2) are in such a good mood that Friedgen is playing music at practices these days to help his players relax. One day it's rap (edited versions) from 50 Cent and DMX, and another day it's punk rock from Blink-182.

One day last week, Friedgen, in his third season, broke out some John Denver, who took the Terps back through the country roads of West Virginia.

Now, if only the big man starts break dancing ...

When asked if last Saturday's 34-7 win over West Virginia was the turning point of Maryland's season, Friedgen said: "I hope so. You never know which team is going to show up. But we played hard and executed well.

"We played great team defense, took care of our responsibilities and had people flying to the gaps. We tackled well. We looked like we were having fun again."

Maybe the last point was the most important.

The Terps, ranked No. 15 in the preseason, didn't handle expectations. Realistically, they are still a recruiting class or two away from having enough talent or depth to [See Preston, 7E]

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be in the Top 10 consistently.

But their biggest mistake occurred before the season. Maryland should not have played Northern Illinois, which upset the Terps, 20-13, in overtime, in the opener.

That was an ambush game. As soon as Maryland officials found out Florida State was the opponent in the second game on the road, athletic director Debbie Yow should have cut the Huskies a check and said goodbye.

If that wasn't good enough, then she should have increased the ante by throwing in a new artificial turf field complete with lights and corporate sponsorship. The final option would have been not to show up, period.

"I kept saying this was a good football team," said Friedgen. "I kept telling our players during the summer that this was going to be Northern Illinois' biggest game of the year played before their largest crowd of the year. We went down and scored on our first drive, and, after that, we became complacent.

"The most disappointing thing was that we still had a chance to win the game at the end, but we didn't seize the opportunity."

And the Terps weren't going to get it done against Florida State either. This was a team devoid of leadership early in the season. Gone was former inside linebacker E.J. Henderson, who was to the Terps what Ray Lewis is to the Ravens. He was the emotional leader, the big rah-rah guy who had the swagger. There were times when he willed Maryland to a win.

The closest player Maryland had to Henderson was offensive guard Lamar Bryant, out the first three games with a broken bone in his right foot. Also on the injury list were starting senior halfback Bruce Perry and receiver Steve Suter. Both played against Florida State, but neither was 100 percent or effective.

Final score: Florida State 35, Maryland 10.

It went as expected. Florida State, Miami and Ohio State can replace star players without a significant drop-off in talent. Maryland can't. Maryland has played in the Orange and Peach bowls the past two seasons, but it hasn't been under constant pressure from the start of the season.

"In the first game, they seemed to be in better shape than we were, and that's my fault," said Friedgen. "But also in those first two weeks, we seemed to be without two starters every game."

But that has changed.

Bryant, the team's top linemen, started for the first time against West Virginia, and has brought back some of his head banging, in-your-face leadership. Suter is close to top form and returned a punt 75 yards for a touchdown against The Citadel on Sept. 13.

And then there is Perry.

He gained 79 yards on 14 carries against the Mountaineers, and he looked a lot like the runner who was ACC's Offensive Player of the Year in 2001 when he gained 1,242 yards.

When the Terps are running well, quarterback Scott McBrien is extremely effective with running the option and play-action passes. McBrien completed 14 of 25 passes for 220 yards against the Mountaineers, and seemed to regain some confidence after a shaky start this season.

But the Terps' new confidence isn't based on them beating up on The Citadel and West Virginia the past two weeks. The defense, led by defensive lineman Randy Starks and linebackers Shawne Merriman and D'Qwell Jackson, has been dominating.

After going to Eastern Michigan on Saturday night, Maryland plays against Clemson and Duke at home, where the Terps have had sellout crowds of 51,000 the past two games. In October and November during the past two seasons, the Terps have a combined record of 13-2.

Barring any more major injuries, Maryland should be in pretty good shape to take on Virginia on Nov. 13, and N.C. State on Nov. 22, two major bumps if the Terps want to continue their road of success.

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"It's something I didn't plan, but I do see myself becoming a leader."

UM's Jackson answers questions

College football:
Terps sophomore D'Qwell Jackson has responded to critics with stellar play from his linebacker spot.

By KEVIN VAN VALKENBURG
SUN STAFF

COLLEGE PARK — Ever since he started playing football at Maryland, D'Qwell Jackson has been answering questions. Are you big enough to play middle linebacker? How will you replace E.J. Henderson? Can you handle the pressure? Can a sophomore lead the defense?

But one question comes up more than any: How did you end up with such a unique name?

"I would get that question so much that I finally went to mom [Debra] a few years ago and said, 'How did you ever come that name?' " Jackson said. "She said her and a friend came up with it, and they have no idea how. It just popped into their heads one day. Other than that, I have no clue."

So far this season, it's about the only question Jackson hasn't had a definitive answer for. Not only has the 6-foot-1, 225-pound sophomore been able to handle filling Henderson's shoes, he has begun to make a name for himself nationally, leading the team with 45 tackles (11.3 game) and establishing himself as leader on a defense that's ranked ninth in the country.

"He's just really scratching the surface of what he can do," said inside [*See Terps, 8D*]

DAVID HOBBY : SUN STAFF
Maryland linebacker D'Qwell Jackson is leading the team with 45 tackles and is establishing himself as a defensive leader.

Next for Terps

Matchup: Maryland (2-2) vs. Eastern Michigan (1-3)

Site: Rynearson Stadium, Ypsilanti, Mich.

When: Tomorrow, 6 p.m.

Radio: WNST (1570 AM), WBAL (1090 AM) in progress after 4:05 p.m. O's-Yanks game

Line: Maryland by 34½

DAVID HOBBY . SUN STAFF

Maryland linebacker D'Qwell Jackson, who returned an interception 58 yards for a score against Florida State on Sept. 6, also had 15 tackles in the opener against Northern Illinois on Aug. 28.

No question, Jackson has answers for UM

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linebackers coach Tim Banks.

The story of how Jackson ended up at Maryland is one of both luck and persistence on the part of the Terps' coaching staff. Jackson grew up in the small, football-crazed town of Largo, Fla., and in his house, the Florida State Seminoles were like a second religion. From the time he was 7, Jackson dreamed of wearing a garnet and gold uniform. Even at a young age, he'd labor for hours in his back yard with his uncle Charles Dixon, catching footballs.

"My Uncle Charles could have played in college, but because of his grades and stuff, he didn't make it," Jackson said. "That's why he was so hard on me growing up. ... He didn't miss one football game of mine from when I was 7 years old until after I graduated from high school. I can remember being 5 or 6 years old, and we'd be in the back yard, and he'd throw footballs at me as hard as he could, until I caught it with my hands."

By the time he hit high school, the precocious Jackson was ready and willing to do just about anything on the football field. His freshman year, he attended Largo High School and started on the varsity as a receiver and a safety, but something didn't feel right.

"It just wasn't challenging academically," Jackson said. "I just got a bad vibe from things. I felt kind of like I was all alone and if I needed help with something, I couldn't really get it."

He transferred across town to Seminole High School, and blossomed into a star. He played linebacker, fullback and quarterback, and even punted for the Warhawks, and led his team into the regional state finals his junior and senior seasons. Little kids would run up to him after games, just to say hello, and it got him thinking: How can I make a difference in these kids' lives? There were drugs and problems in Largo, just like any American city these days, but Jackson had managed to avoid them, thanks to his parents and his uncle. How could he make sure some other kids did the same?

"Everyone in Largo knows each other," Jackson said. "So there was a teacher at Bowden Elementary school, right across from my high school, who needed a mentor for some kids. They loved football, but they needed somebody to tell them how important schoolwork and stuff was.

"My job was to go over and help with their homework, or just sit and talk with them if they needed someone to talk to. After awhile, I'd see them running around the neighborhood and they'd come up to me and tell me how they were doing. Not all of them turned out OK, but most of them did. ... I guess it brought out the teacher in me."

His senior year, Jackson was named first team all-state by the Associated Press for the second straight season, but with each day, it became more clear that Florida State wasn't going to call. He just wasn't seen as big enough to play at one of the country's elite programs.

"At first it was frustrating, because I didn't know anything about the recruiting process," Jackson said. "But as I started learning more about it and reading the ins and outs of how things work, I just looked at it as a way at getting back at them."

Maryland, however, was right there from the beginning, fending off LSU, N.C. State and even Florida late to land Jackson. Late in the recruiting process, the Gators lobbied hard for Jackson to come to campus for a visit, but out of loyalty to Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen, Jackson declined.

"We had to work real hard to keep him from taking that trip because, if he'd have gone, I think we might have lost him," Friedgen said. "D'Qwell had a relative up here [in Alexandria] who could come watch him play, so we were trying to sell him on that. Sometimes you have to have a hook with kids."

Jackson arrived in College Park expecting to redshirt, but he was simply too good to keep off the field. The first game of the season, against Notre Dame, he led the team in tackles with 12, and finished with 51 on the year. When the spring rolled around, the coaches started to throw his name around as a potential replacement for Henderson. Friedgen was somewhat skeptical, but when outside linebacker Leon Joe decided he felt more comfortable on the outside, the job was Jackson's.

"People talk about, 'Is he too small?'" Banks said. "Well, compared to who? He's not as big as E.J. Henderson, but a lot of people across the country aren't as big as that guy."

In the season opener, Jackson made 15 tackles in a loss to Northern Illinois. The next week, he got the chance he'd been waiting for every night since high school. Maryland was playing Florida State. He'd never been so pumped up for a game in his life.

"I wish I could feel like that every time I played," Jackson said. "It just felt like a little league game again. All my family and uncles were there and my friends where hollering in my ear from the stands. I was so focused, I can't even explain it."

No explanation was needed after Jackson's very first play in the game. Seminoles quarterback Chris Rix dropped back to pass, and Jackson reached out and snatched the ball out of the air, returning the pass 58 yards for a score. On his way, Jackson bulldozed Rix and running back Lorenzo Booker.

It wasn't long before Friedgen was pointing to Jackson as an example of how the Terps should conduct themselves. This guy, he said, is a leader.

"I'm not trying to brag, but I think it's something that you're born with," Jackson said. "When I first started playing the position, I talked a little bit, but not much because I didn't want people to just look the other way and think, 'He hasn't done anything.' But after you start playing a little bit, you feel comfortable starting to talk more. It's something I didn't plan, but I do see myself becoming a leader."

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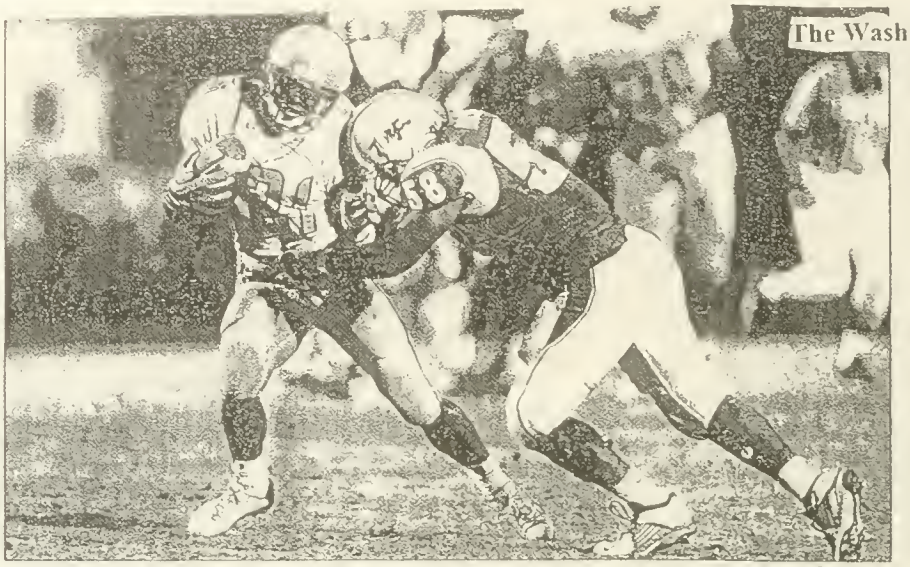

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Fullback/defensive end Ricardo Dickerson is Maryland's first two-way player since 1986.

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Dickerson does double duty

By Rick Snider
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

At first, Ricardo Dickerson just wanted to get on the field. Now he hardly gets off it. Maryland's first two-way player in 17 years doubles as a fullback and defensive end.

Coach Ralph Friedgen called Dickerson a "poor man's Deion Sanders" as the Terrapins got ready for Clemson tomorrow. Teammates joked that he should wear a split red/white jersey in practice. Offensive linemen wondered whether Dickerson cheats on defense because he knows the snap count. Defensive teammates chant his name when he returns to their side.

"Three weeks ago, I was on the scout team, so I'm just happy to play," Dickerson said.

Against Eastern Michigan last week, Dickerson had 26 snaps at fullback and 19 as a defensive end. Special teams duties may be added, too. He often spends first and second downs on offense and then third-and-long situations as a pass-rushing end. In practice, that sometimes means switching sides in the same series.

"His biggest problem is on Friday nights, when we break up into units, he doesn't know what [room] to go to," Friedgen said. "It's just an example of us trying to take the talents of our players and fit them in the right [location]."

Dickerson didn't play either position last year. The sophomore walked on at outside linebacker, the position he played at Northwestern High School, a few blocks south of the Maryland campus. He knocked Florida State quarterback Chris Rix temporarily out of a game.

When the Terps needed another fullback, Dickerson filled in during spring practice. Injuries to other defensive ends made him the Terps' first two-way man since cornerback Keeta Covington played some receiver in 1986.

"Defense is my first love, but realistically, with my body type, I'm a fullback at this level," Dickerson said. "I love defense, but I want to be a starter on offense. I'm getting a lot more confidence at fullback. I'm trying to keep the same type of aggressiveness."

Knowing the snap count does provide an edge defensively in practice, one he tries not to exploit.

"It's hard not to cheat because when we go in dime [coverage], I know the offense goes on a quick count, so I could jump them and beat the tackles," Dickerson said. "But I'm trying to get them better so I won't cheat."

Guard C.J. Brooks remains certain Dickerson doesn't use his advantage in practice. Then again, maybe that knowledge can be used against him.

"I know he knows what's going on our side, so that gives him an edge," Brooks said, "but it makes us better because he knows what we're doing."

Strengths collide

Maryland leads the ACC in rushing offense with 185.2 yards a game, but Clemson is known for stacking nine man fronts. Friedgen said he won't change the Terps' offense to take advantage of man coverage downfield.

"We tried to play more of a wide-open attack [earlier this season], and it just wasn't us," Friedgen said. "When we're running the ball well, everything falls in. The play action and quick game gets in, and [quarterback] Scott [McBrien] gets into a rhythm, and we're playing better."

Extra points

Friedgen will be among nine coaches profiled in the forthcoming book "Every Week a Season: A Journey Inside Big-Time College Football," which will be released next year by Random House. Author Brian Curtis is spending this week with the Terps.

Returner Steve Suter (knee), guard Lamar Bryant (shoulder), running back Bruce Perry (thigh/ankle sprain) and receiver Jafar Williams (hand) are expected to play against Clemson.

Linebacker D'Qwell Jackson missed practice to attend his grandfather's funeral. The Terps have been playing Clemson's theme song during practice, much to the players' discontent. Friedgen's free breakfast with fans is 7 a.m. today at the university's Inn and Conference Center.

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Merriman becoming bright light for Terps

College football: Sophomore Shawne Merriman is earning a reputation as one of Maryland's hardest hitters.

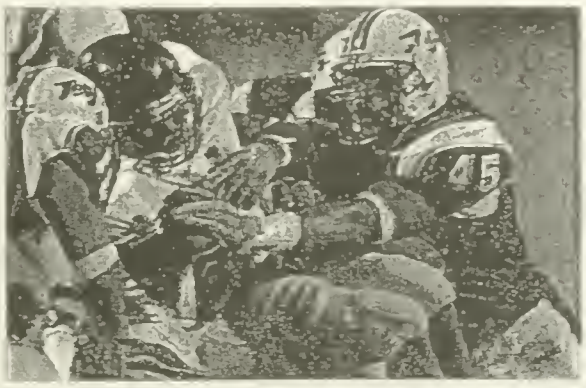
By Kevin Van Valkenburg
SUN STAFF

COLLEGE PARK — On Shawne Merriman's right arm, in blue ink, there is a tattoo of a light switch. A hand, with a single extended finger, has just flipped the switch to read: *Off.*

Lights out, the tattoo reads, in perfect cursive script.

Call it the rare example of body art imitating life.

"Kids in high school used to tell me that's what I did, is knock people's lights out," said Merriman, who was a dominant player at Frederick Douglass High School in Upper Marlboro. "Since the hurricane knocked everyone's lights off, I've been getting jokes left and right. It's been pretty funny."



KARL MERTON FERRON SUN STAFF

Shawne Merriman (right) has three sacks in 2003. Ralph Friedgen said the sophomore "hasn't even come near his potential yet."

The tattoo, however, tells only a slice of the story. If all Merriman did was specialize in violent collisions, it would be enough. But these days, the 6-foot-3, 245-pound sophomore is everywhere, running down quarterbacks from behind, covering wide recievers, firing up his teammates, and yes, blacking out opposing ball carriers.

"He's really a heck of a kid," said Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen. "He's growing every day as a football player. As good as he is, he hasn't even come near his potential yet."

He's been showing flashes of that potential lately, however. On the season, he's made 24 tackles and recorded three sacks. Against Eastern Michigan, Merriman played a game Friedgen [*See Merriman, 6c*]

Next for Terps

Matchup: Clemson (3-1, 1-0) vs. Maryland (3-2, 0-1)
Site: Byrd Stadium, College Park
When: Tomorrow, 3:30 p.m.
TV/Radio: Chs. 2, 7/WBAL (1090 AM)
Line: Maryland by 7½

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called "one of his best," harassing Eagles quarterback Chinedu Okoro into bad throws, and then chasing him down from behind when Okoro tried to tuck the ball and run.

On one play, Merriman started to rush the passer, only to see the ball sail over his head into the arms of a wide receiver. In a blur, Merriman stopped, planted, then went tearing back upfield to make the tackle. The result for Eastern Michigan: a 1-yard loss.

"He has the potential to be as good as he wants to be," said Terps defensive coordinator Gary Blackney. "He's not a guy who just talks the talk, he also walks the walk."

Make no mistake, Merriman likes to talk the talk. But occasionally that raw energy will get him in trouble, as it did his freshman year against Georgia Tech. Maryland had a big second-half lead when Merriman unloaded on a Yellow Jackets running back, leaving him crumpled on the turf. Standing over him, Merriman pointed to the tattoo on his arm and smiled. Friedgen, to put it lightly, was not happy.

"I try to tell people that if I get my hands on [game tapes from when I was young], I can show you the same type of player," Merriman said. "I was just smaller then."

Even though Merriman weighed all of 170 pounds at one point in high school, Maryland's coaching staff had a pretty good hunch Merriman could achieve greatness. When he showed up at the Terps' football camp as a junior, and proceeded to run past, over and through just about everyone there, the only question that remained was what position he would play.

"It was love at first sight," Friedgen said.

Friedgen was even more in awe when Merriman put on 50 pounds by the time he got to Maryland. Merriman wanted to play middle linebacker, but E.J. Henderson, an All-American, was already there. The Terps needed him on the field right away. Before long, he was splitting time at the Terps "Leo" position, where a player is required to be hybrid of defensive end and linebacker.

"It's so hard to find [someone to who can play that position.]" Friedgen said. "It's essentially a defensive end, but we do so much zone blitzing that he drops into pass coverage a lot. You've got to find a guy who's strong enough to take on a 300-pound offensive tackle and stop the run, and yet be able to cover a back out of the backfield or sometimes a wide receiver. . Shawne could play other places, but I think he's going to be a dominant player at that position."

This was supposed to be the year Merriman turned all that potential into results, but he suffered torn cartilage in his left knee during the preseason, which hobbled him a bit during the first two weeks. Merriman still rotates series with senior Jamal Cochran, but the Terps almost always send Merriman in on passing downs.

"Right now, I feel like I can have a great game (one week), and then have just a good game the next," Merriman said. "I don't really have too many bad games where I make a whole lot of mistakes, but if you want to be a great player you have to come out and prove you're great every week."

Even on a bad knee, Merriman still managed to drop a few jaws in Maryland's first game this season, laying a violent hit on Northern Illinois running back Michael Turner. Just reliving the collision makes Merriman smile. Turner was fighting for extra yards and got his feet tangled up, and Merriman came flying in and turned the lights out.

"I love that feeling, just knowing that the player in front of you can't do anything to stop you," he said. "He knows he's going to get it and can't do anything about it. It's just great."

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Terps living up to their namesake

By Rick Snider
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Fittingly enough, the Maryland Terrapins are repeating the fable of the tortoise and the hare.

Maryland seeks its fifth straight victory tonight as an overwhelming 27½-point favorite over Duke at Byrd Stadium. After starting 0-2, the Terps suddenly are close to rejoining the Top 25 on the way to a possible third straight 10 wins-plus season under coach Ralph Friedgen.

The naysayers have been silenced since Maryland rebounded from losses to Northern Illinois and Florida State, both 5-0 and ranked 16th and fifth respectively.

Maryland vs. Duke
Today, 6 p.m., Byrd Stadium
AM-630 AM-1090
Maryland favored by 27½

"So the moral to that story is, it's not where you start but where you finish," Friedgen said. "Persistence. Luck. I don't try to panic. [The media says] a game early in the season is a critical game. It's just another game. The critical games come at the end of the year because you know where you're at, not at the beginning of the year. You can always recover from a loss early. It's the late ones you have trouble recovering from."

Friedgen's teams haven't always started slow and then built momentum; in fact, the Terps won their first seven in his 2001 debut. In the last two seasons, however, the Terps seemingly have needed a breakout game to rebuild their

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confidence — both times against West Virginia. Maryland began the road back last month with a 24-3 victory over the Mountaineers, its best overall effort.

"It's partly who we're playing," Friedgen said of the slow starts. "Most teams get better as the season goes on."

Last season the Terps won eight straight after opening 1-2. Friedgen has been involved in four of Maryland's 10 starts of 1-2 or worse since 1980, including two as an assistant coach. Those four teams later won 72.7 percent of their games, but the six non-Friedgen teams took 26.9 percent.

This week Maryland has practiced three of four days in light pads despite Friedgen's warnings not to take perennially weak Duke (2-3, 0-2 ACC) lightly. The battered Terps can't afford more injuries, so Friedgen gambled that non-contact workouts would get Maryland (4-2, 1-1) ready. Friedgen said the softer workouts weren't because Duke has lost 27 straight ACC games.

"A lot of things are going to happen within the next six weeks," Friedgen said. "There's going to be some teams that will be able to focus and be there at the end and some that don't focus and get knocked off. It doesn't matter who you're playing, you better be focused that week."

Said safety Dennard Wilson: "You can't take a breath. We can't afford any more losses. Eastern Michigan snuck up on us. We can't have that anymore."

Maryland is emerging from its early offensive woes. Quarterback Scott McBrien threw three touchdowns against Clemson in last week's 21-7 victory, and the Terps are second in rushing in the ACC. Meanwhile, the defense has allowed only 27 points in four games.

"We're finally hitting stride," receiver Latrez Harrison said "What better time to put together good games than the ACC?"

Photo by Joseph Silverman / The Washington Times
Maryland wide receiver Latrez Harrison: "We're finally hitting stride. What better time to put together good games than the ACC?"

TERPS KEYS

1. No letdown — The Terps seem to play worst when favored most. Maryland outslugged Eastern Michigan as a heavy favorite and lost at Northern Illinois. Coupled with the following week off, this is a classic trap game.

2. Contain Alexander — ACC sack leader Phillip Alexander will test the Terps outside. The defensive end has six sacks and 14 tackles for losses. Maryland might have to sacrifice a receiver for a tight end to counter Alexander.

3. Stay healthy — Terps can't afford any more injuries at several positions. This game should be over by halftime to allow reserves to play in the second half.

The Terps' offensive balance has perplexed opposing defenses. Running back Sammy Maldonado returns from a two-game suspension for violating team rules, and Bruce Perry (high ankle sprain) appears healthy to complement Josh Allen for a complete backfield of power and finesse runners. The improved running game is drawing safeties closer to the line, giving receivers more room for medium-range passes in single coverage.

"You stretch the field vertically, and if you can do that it opens a lot of things," Friedgen said. "The reason we've been making some big plays recently is because we're running the ball pretty good and people are trying to get those safeties in there to stop the run and it opens things in the passing game."

Friedgen promised players three days off during the bye week, which gives Maryland a 12-day break before the Terps visit Georgia Tech on Oct. 23. The schedule gets tougher after the break, with bowl contenders Virginia, N.C. State and Wake Forest ahead.

"I'm still waiting for that [best] game," he said. "I would hope we would continue to get better."

Washington Times • Oct. 20, 2003

Terps' Novak almost a sure thing

By Eric [illegible]
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Teammates call him Automat-Nick.

He's only a junior and probably will finish his career as Maryland's all-time leading scorer. In fact, teammates have difficulty recalling the last time Terrapins kicker Nick Novak didn't come through for the team.

And yet it hasn't always been that way for Novak.

In 2001, as a freshman, he made only two of his six field goal attempts during the first half of the season. However, in a nationally televised Thursday night game at Georgia Tech, he hit 46-yarder at the end of regulation to tie the game. His 26-yarder in overtime proved to be the game-winner.

"Without a doubt, [that] gave him the confidence to be the kicker he is today," coach Ralph Friedgen said.

On Thursday night, Novak will return to the place — Georgia Tech's Bobby Dodd Stadium — where he first earned his reputation as a clutch kicker and helped Maryland's resurgence under Friedgen. Once again it will be a nationally televised game as Maryland (5-2, 2-1 ACC) plays the improving Yellow Jackets (4-3, 2-2) in search of its sixth straight victory.

Maryland vs. Ga. Tech
Thursday, 7:45 p.m.
Bobby Dodd Stadium, Atlanta
ESPN, AM 630

Novak arguably is the Terps' best kicker since Jess Atkinson in the early 1980s, became a campus celebrity after the 2001 Georgia Tech game. Fans regularly tell him stories about where they were when he hit the 46-yarder.

In 2001, Novak scored a freshman record 89 points and set Maryland single-season marks last year with 24 field goals and 125 points. He tied the school record with a 54-yarder against Duke on Oct. 11 en route to converting four field goals for the second time this season. This season Novak has made 14 of 17 and is 44-for-56 (.79 percent) in three years.

But the game-tying kick against Georgia Tech probably will be his legacy, unless he comes up with a few more game-winning kicks in the final seconds, and halt.

"I'm a totally different kicker than two years ago," he said. "The kick gave me confidence, the experience, the fact that I believe in myself no matter what. I know it will go straight. I doubted myself [before] and was afraid of missing. Now I'm fundamentally sound and confident the ball will go through."

Novak appears to be the Terps' best pro prospect, though he won't graduate until 2005. The son of two college professors is a perfectionist who had a 4.0 grade point average last semester. How much of a perfectionist? Novak called Friedgen during a blizzard last winter and asked him to open the practice bubble so he could kick while the rest of the area tried to dig out. Friedgen told Novak that he couldn't even open his front door and told the kicker to instead work on elevating his one B grade to an A.

The two have a rare coach-kicker relationship. Friedgen jokes that he keeps Novak's brain in a jar on his office shelf. The coach teases the junior unmercifully for rare misses during practices. But Friedgen knows his legacy at Maryland was created in part by Novak, and as a result watches him carefully. He can tell by the sound of kicks how Novak is faring.

"Good kickers, you can actually hear it," Friedgen said. "You hear that thing pop. If you don't have a lot of leg strength, it sounds like a marshmallow hitting the ball."

Teammates rarely bother watching the flight of the ball during Novak's five kicks that open practices. They know he'll bombard the video camera operator who sits on a crane above the upright and often bats away balls in self-defense.

Nick is automatic. He tells me every day where he can kick it from," quarterback Scott McBrien said. "I have total confidence in him."

Novak learned something about what McBrien faces every game.

During a kickoff against Duke, the kicker was blindsided and pinballed from the side on a hit that left him gasping on the ground for several minutes. Novak said his hair felt like it was on fire and his arm was numb. It was simple stinger and it sidelined him briefly. He returned to convert two of three field goals, including a 48-yarder.

I finally realized what it's like getting hit — you just get licked," he said. "I asked Scott, 'How do you take it?' He said, 'I just get up. I don't know how I do it. You just keep going.'"

But Novak isn't some former soccer player afraid of contact. In order to avoid becoming the so-called solitary kicker, he regularly carries the ball against the defense during practice. He spent the summer on campus in order to spend more time with his teammates, whom voted him onto the team's leadership council.

"They respect my job," he said. "They wouldn't want to do it."

Novak is so focused on kicking that he was a guest lecturer for an advanced kinesiology class. He taught the mechanics of kicking on a nearby soccer field where he occasionally plays pickup games.

"They told me they thought kicking was so easy," he said. "It's a matter of consistency — the momentum, force and levers, physics."

And a little guts, too.

On Thursday, Nick Novak (46) gets to return to the place where he made a name for himself two years ago: Georgia Tech.

Diamondback • Oct. 23, 2003

Automat-Nick perfecting a science

Novak works on craft on field and in classroom

By Corey Massak
Staff Writer

It was a very long field goal — some teams won't even attempt a 52-yard try. Most kickers are lucky to make half of their kicks from that distance. A miss would certainly be excusable.

But for junior kicker Nick Novak, there was no excuse. After missing for the first time this season against West Virginia, Novak teed up a ball from the exact same spot the next day in practice. And then he drilled another one from the spot. And another. Eventually he was satisfied after about 120 kicks from the 42-yard line.

What might border on an unhealthy obsession for some is the internal drive that fuels Novak's success. There are words to describe it — hard working, perfectionist, even crazy.

"I just expect to perform up to my capabilities every time," Novak said. "I usually don't miss twice in a row. I miss one and usually the next one I know what I did wrong and it will go through."

When the campus was bombarded by a snowstorm last winter, Novak called Terp coach Ralph Friedgen to open the indoor practice facility so he could get some work in. Friedgen couldn't open his front door.

Novak's passion for kicking goes beyond the football field. As a kinesiology major with a 3.45 GPA, he does research projects on the science of kicking.

"I do projects all the time on kicking," Novak said. "I know a lot about it, and it makes me a better kicker. It makes me think about it more."

Novak works on his kicking with former All-American Paul Woodside at West Springfield High School in Virginia in the offseason. His work ethic also applies to the weight room. He and punter Adam Podlesh have something of a legacy to uphold.

Former punter Brooks Barnard garnered a reputation as a workout monster. Special teams coach Ray Rychleski said Podlesh could approach Barnard's record 400-pound bench press and Novak could top the 300 mark.

"The thing I've said from day one that I like about Nick is that he's a football player, not a kicker," Rychleski said. "He's treated like everybody else. He gets yelled at by Ralph. He gets yelled at by me."

Friedgen and Novak have an interesting bond. On most teams, the coach and the kicker only cross paths after a botched attempt costs the team a game. But Friedgen and Novak have a constant give and take, which spawned from the coach trying to build mental toughness and resulted in forming mutual respect.

Novak's favorite 'mind trick'

"It was the first summer camp and he was like, 'I'm going to take your scholarship away if you don't make this kick,'" Novak said. "It was a 52-yarder from the right hash, and the whole team was watching, and I made it. Right then and there, I knew he was going to mess with my head my whole career and try to make me a mentally tough individual. When I first came in, I was nervous. Now, he's made me tough."

Friedgen says he doesn't need to play games anymore, although on certain occasions preseason wind sprints still hinged on Novak's accuracy. When Novak misses a kick in a game, Friedgen leaves him alone. Novak is extremely tough on himself — hence the extra work after the West Virginia game.

And besides, it's not like his kicker misses very often. It's almost a fluke when Novak misses from anything shorter than 50 yards. He's made 50 of his past 59 tries, and only five of the misses were from inside 50.

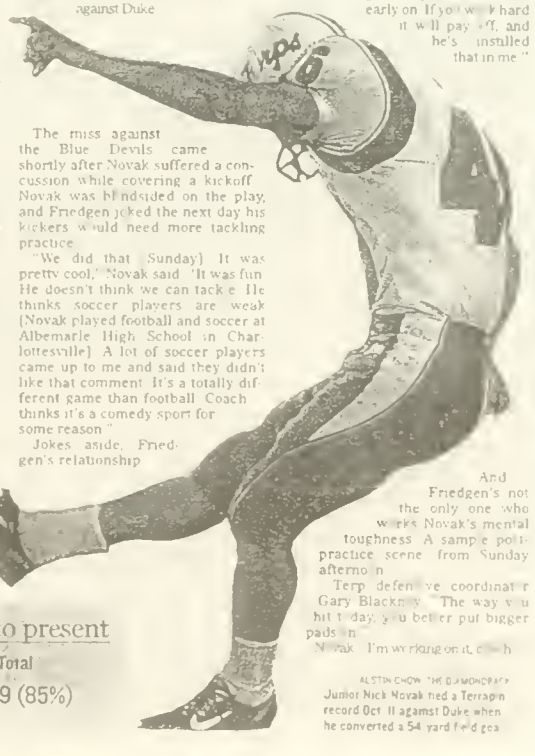
His string of success began two years ago at the stadium he's about to visit. After missing seven of 12 tries to start the 2001 season — including a 32-yarder earlier in the night — Novak's 46-yard field goal as time expired propelled the Terps into overtime against Georgia Tech and began his ascent to elite status.

"There was some doubt on my part. I'll be the first to admit that," Rychleski said. "When he was missing those kicks early, we made a tape of them to show him he was missing them by a foot. They weren't wide-wide right, they were that close to being good. You need to have some good things happen to you."

With more confidence, Novak started nailing kicks. He made 12 of 14 to close the season with his only misses coming on 50- and 62-yard tries. Once an anonymous face, one program-changing kick and choirboy looks made him a superstar on campus. The very next day at Midnight Madness in Cole Field House, Novak's heroics were serenaded by 14,000 Terp fans.

Everyone was chanting, 'We want Novak.' That was the most surreal moment of my life," Novak said. "I was pushed onto the center of the floor and everyone was chanting my name. It was pretty unreal and humbling at the same time."

This season, Novak has missed three times — the 52-yarder against the Mountaineers, a 38-yard try into a gusty wind against Clemson and a 40-yarder against Duke.



The miss against the Blue Devils came shortly after Novak suffered a concussion while covering a kickoff. Novak was blindsided on the play, and Friedgen joked the next day his kickers would need more tackling practice.

"We did that [Sunday]. It was pretty cool," Novak said. "It was fun. He doesn't think we can tackle. He thinks soccer players are weak. [Novak played football and soccer at Albemarle High School in Charlottesville.] A lot of soccer players came up to me and said they didn't like that comment. It's a totally different game than football. Coach thinks it's a comedy sport for some reason."

Jokes aside, Friedgen's relationship with Novak is, from an outsider's perspective, deeper than most player-coach connections. Both strive for nothing less than perfection.

"I kind of look at [Friedgen's] personality," Novak said. "You have to think like he does to do well here. He expects you to be an A student and he expects you to be an A+ football player when you're on the field. And if you don't, you're not going to last very long here. I just realized that early on. If you work hard it will pay off, and he's instilled that in me."

And Friedgen's not the only one who works Novak's mental toughness. A sample post-practice scene from Sunday afternoon:

Terp defensive coordinator Gary Blackney: "The way you hit today, you better put bigger pads on."

Novak: "I'm working on it, coach."

ALISTAIR CHOW/THE DIAMONDBACK
Junior Nick Novak tied a Terrapin record Oct. 11 against Duke when he converted a 54-yard field goal.

Novak's FG stats from last game at Georgia Tech (Oct. 11, 2001) to present

Beyond 50 yards	40-49 yards	30-39 yards	18-29 yards	Total
7/11 (64%)	12/14 (86%)	15/16 (94%)	16/18 (89%)	50/59 (85%)

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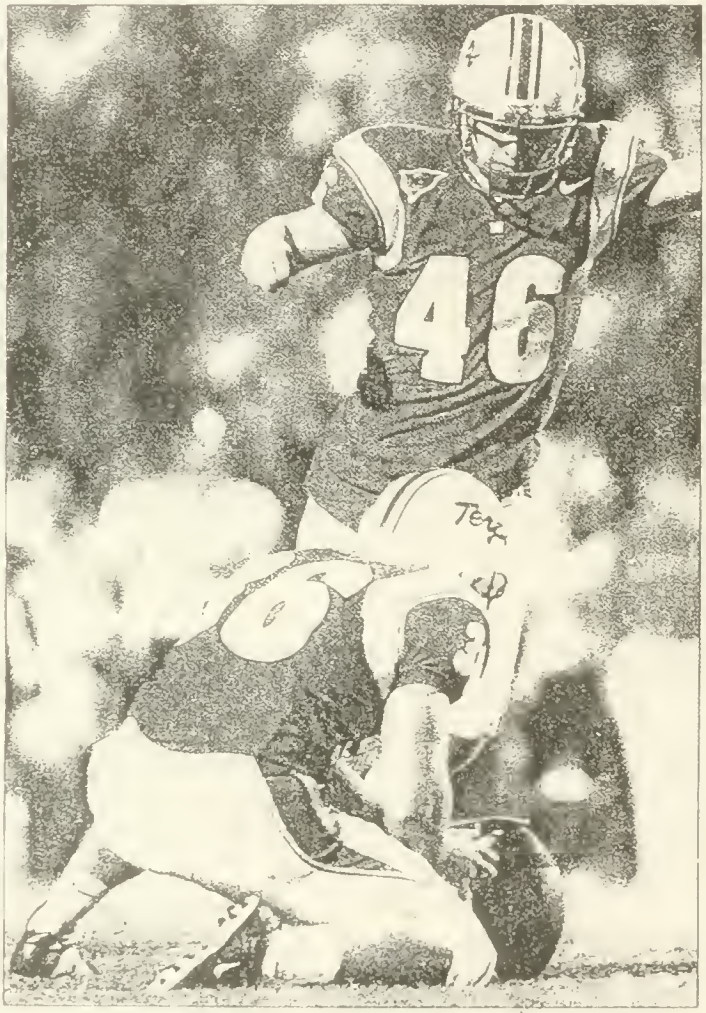
"They respect my job, and they know they wouldn't want to do it."



DAVID HOBBY SUN STAFF

Nick Novak came into the spotlight when he hit two field goals — one to force overtime, a second to win the game — against Georgia Tech in 2001. He has hit 50 of past 57 attempts.

For Novak, not lonely at the top of his game

Football: Kickers are often isolated, but Nick Novak has earned a special place among his Terps teammates.

By Kevin Van Valkenburg
SUN STAFF

COLLEGE PARK — Nick Novak is blushing.

His cheeks, in fact, are as red as the Maryland uniform at this very moment. That is because his teammate Terps safety Chris Kelley has spotted Novak talking with a newspaper reporter and decided there couldn't be a better time (that night) then to try to embarrass him.

Nick, did you get that taken care of," Kelley yells from 15 feet away. "Is it bedpan. [The trainer's got that ... I wanted for your ra...

Novak tries to ignore him. But Kelley isn't going away that easily.

"Nick, it's nothing to be ashamed of," Kelley says, trying hard not to laugh. "Besides, we're all family here, bro."

The last part makes Novak smile. On a football team, it's a sign of respect when your teammates playfully poke fun at you. It means you're part of the brotherhood. And when you're a kicker, respect isn't always easy to come by.

... they respect

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some reason," says Novak, who was one of 12 players selected this season by his teammates to be on the Terps' leadership council. "They respect my job, and they know they wouldn't want to do it. A lot of guys have told me that."

The journey to this point hasn't always been smooth, however. When Novak won the job as Maryland's place-kicker in 2001, plenty of people wondered how a second-year freshman with no big game experience would handle the pressure. In many ways, they weren't even sure what kind of person he was.

Novak

Every day while the rest of the team fought its way through intense practices under the watchful eye of first-year coach Ralph Friedgen, the quiet Novak was off by himself, practicing field goals. The life of a kicker is very often a lonely one.

It didn't help matters when Novak started the season by spraying kicks in every direction but through the uprights. He began the year just two of six, and many were beginning to wonder if Friedgen had made a mistake by anointing Novak before he was ready.

"Back then, I think I doubted myself too much," Novak says. "I was too afraid to miss."

Everything changed, however, for both Novak and the Terps when Maryland traveled to Georgia Tech for a Thursday night game on ESPN. With the Terps trailing 17-14 with just seconds remaining, Novak stepped in and drilled a 46-yard field goal as time expired to force overtime. Minutes later, he hit the game-winner from 26 yards. Suddenly, Maryland had a six-game winning streak as well as a Top 25 ranking.

When the team returned to College Park, Novak and wide receiver Steve Suter were walking into the dining hall on campus, when, to Novak's horror, Suter shouted for everyone's attention.

"*This is Nick Novak*," Suter yelled, "*and he's the best kicker in the country! Show him some love!*"

Seconds later, people were standing and clapping.

"I was so proud of him. I knew he could do it, and I felt like he needed a little recognition," Suter says. "A lot of people were down on him because he had missed a couple times early in the season, but I wanted everyone to know who he was, so they could give him the props he deserved."

Friedgen says. Without a doubt, those two kicks changed Novak's career, including those two field goals. Novak has hit 50 of his past 57 attempts (.88 percent). Thursday, he headed back to Atlanta for the first time since that play, but instead of a wide-eyed freshman with shaky confidence, Novak is now an NFL prospect and third-team All-ACC performer, coming off a ... point. This season, he has ... of 14 (.929) for his career.

That all gave him the ... kicker he is today, Friedgen says. "I want kicks before coming to Tech. He just ... there. But when Nick ... to win the ... I knew ... that I ... will hit ...

Novak's knack

Nick Novak needs 34 points to become Maryland's all-time leading scorer.

	Years	Pts
Jess Atkinson*	1981-84	308
Rick Badanjek	1982-85	288
Nick Novak*	2001-03	275
Dan Plocki*	1985-88	233
LaMont Jordan	1997-00	222
Brian Kopka*	1997-00	218
Steve Mike-Mayer*	1972-74	203
Steve Atkins	1975-78	192
Louis Carter	1972-74	162
Jermaine Lewis	1992-95	158
Dan DeArmas*	1988-91	158
Charlie Wysocki	1978-81	158

* kickers

Next for Terps

Matchup: Maryland (5-2, 2-1) vs Georgia Tech (4-3, 2-2)

Site: Bobby Dodd Stadium, Atlanta

When: Thursday, 7:45 p.m.

TV/Radio: ESPN/WBAL (1090 AM)

Line: Maryland by 2½

technique, and you've got the result you see now."

His technique is the main reason Friedgen says Novak is going to have a long and successful career in the NFL. A former soccer player, Novak took up place-kicking only at the urging of his high school earth science teacher, who also happened to coach football at Albemarle High School in Charlottesville, Va. But he loved it so much, he quit soccer to focus on football his senior year. These days, the ball doesn't come off his foot. It explodes off his foot.

With good kickers, you can actually hear it," Friedgen says. "You hear the ball pop. If you don't have a lot of leg strength, it sounds like a marshmallow hitting the ball."

Novak showed just how much pop he has in Maryland's last game against Duke, when he tied a school record with a 54-yarder. He hit four field goals against the Blue Devils, including one in the fourth quarter when he returned from the locker room after getting knocked silly on a kickoff. (Novak was a little woozy, but fine.)

"I think I just have confidence to go with experience," Novak says. "I believe in myself no matter what. I know I can just keep my head down, focus on getting good ball contact and it's going to go straight."

It also doesn't hurt that Novak is a 4.0 student who understands the science behind kicking. Earlier this year as a part of a kinesiology classes, his professor asked Novak to demonstrate some of the physics involved in kicking field goals.

The class marched down to one of the campus soccer fields. After Novak hit several perfect ... the ... the rest of the ... stepped forward to give it a ... Half of the kicks barely got ... the ground, and the other ... didn't even went straight. ... but stopped his shoulders and smiled.

The ... told me I have huge ... I ... I thought it ... easy," Novak ...

Nope. Novak ... make it ... that easy.

NOTE: Maryland's ... game ... figure ... Carter's ... for ... career ... the ... Terps.

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Arrington a model for Merriman

By Rick Snider
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The swagger and speed are similar. They even play similar roles and deliver equally jarring hits.

Maryland linebacker Shawne Merriman met Washington Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington in 2000 when Merriman played at Douglass High School in Croom, where Arrington's younger brother attended. Arrington became the mentor and Merriman the star pupil. Now Merriman is emerging as one of the Terrapins' playmakers on the nation's No. 5 scoring defense.

"Sometimes we laugh at each other that we walk, talk and act just alike," Merriman said. "It wasn't hard to get to know each other."

Merriman has the same lightning speed to the quarterback that made Arrington the Redskins' third overall selection in 2000. Three steps melt into one stride. A quarterback suddenly becomes another of Merriman's "Lights Out" victims illustrated by a tattoo of a finger turning off a light switch on his right forearm.

"I was just talking to LaVar about who has the best closing speed. I do," Merriman said. "Sometimes I have such a good stride I can run anybody down."

Merriman's five sacks are third most in the ACC. He can play at the line as a pass-rushing end or drop into pass coverage with equal success. The tweener "LEO" position is a key in the Terps' defense that counters balanced offenses like North Carolina tomorrow at Byrd Stadium. Merriman's 10 quarterback hurries tie end Kevin Eli for the team lead.

Merriman is only a sophomore, but coach Ralph Friedgen believes he could emerge as the team's best player.

"I don't think we've seen the best of Shawne," Friedgen said. "The position he plays is so hard to find. You have to find a guy that's good enough to take on a 300-pound offensive tackle to stop a run and fast enough to cover a wide receiver. He has an uncanny knack of timing a quarterback's pace and jumping up and knocking down a pass. By the time he's finished here, he's going to be a great player if he continues to progress."

Maryland vs. North Carolina

Tomorrow, noon
Byrd Stadium
CSN, AM-630, AM-1090
Maryland favored by 17

Arrington is among Merriman's admirers. The two spent the summer working out together with both weighing 253 pounds and Merriman one inch taller at 6-foot-4. Arrington regularly calls with tips, mostly constructive criticism.

"Shawne's a specimen and he's got the heart," Arrington said. "A lot of times you can have potential, but if you don't have the heart to go with your talent, I don't know how far you can go. But he's got a lot of heart, a lot of desire. I think he'll be all right. Maybe we'll get him one day."

The phone calls aren't always positive, though. Merriman said Arrington provides the harsh truth at times.

"LaVar is a friend who has been at this level, so he gives me a lot of pointers," Merriman said. "He doesn't give me too much credit. It's not always what I want to hear. He helps me mentally to stay focused. If we lost or didn't play well, he tells me to keep doing what I'm doing."

Said Arrington: "I watch him every time he's out there. I just tell him to hang in there."

Merriman plans to remain at Maryland for his final two seasons but acknowledges that he dreams of playing with Arrington in the NFL.

"Anybody who says they don't think about playing in the NFL isn't telling the truth," Merriman said. "You have to concentrate on coming out here every day to get better."

• *Staff writer Jody Foldesy contributed to this report.*

Washington Post • Oct. 31, 2003

Schmitt Tries to Get Terps in Line

By Barry Svrluga
Washington Post Staff Writer

Kyle Schmitt traveled last weekend to Latrobe, Pa., leaving behind Maryland football for the comforts of home. Mom's cooking, a cushy couch, a clear head. None of it mattered. The woes of the Terrapins' offensive line followed Schmitt right to his doorstep.

Maryland's most recent game, a 7-3 loss at Georgia Tech, showed exactly how much Schmitt, a junior center, and his linemates are struggling. They allowed three sacks and countless other hits on the quarterback. They couldn't consistently deal with Georgia Tech's shifting defensive front. It all haunted Schmitt, so he picked up the phone, reaching out to his teammates.

"I called the guys Friday," Schmitt said. "We talked Saturday, Sunday, too. We kick everything around a little bit. We have to. It's not like when we walk off that practice field, we forget about everything that happens in football."

For the Terrapins' players and coaches, it's hard to forget what has happened to the offensive line, a banged-up unit without much depth that occasionally forgets the fundamentals of blocking. Asked if he had figured out a solution, Coach Ralph Friedgen crossed himself. "Our Father," he said.

He was kidding. Sort of. This is not a healthy or deep group. Right guard Lamar Bryant has a bum shoulder and left guard C.J. Brooks is struggling with turf toe. Bryant missed four weeks with a broken foot.

"But at any time in the season, every offensive line across the country is banged up," line coach Tom Brattan said. "That's part of it."

Bryant says his shoulder is the best it has been in weeks, and his foot doesn't bother him. His technique, however, has suffered enough that Friedgen called him into his office yesterday.

"It's almost like he's a freshman again," Friedgen said. "I don't know what's happening. Now, he's trying to fight through this thing. I just have a lot of confidence in him as a kid. I'm kind of pulling for the old guy, but he's struggling right now."

Injuries or not, the coaches have little choice but to go with who they have. And the current group doesn't want to hear about injuries or a lack of depth or anything else.

"I think we've used excuses long enough, personally," Schmitt said. "I think it's time that we get the job done, whether we're hurt or not. If they're hurt, we got to get somebody else. Excuses kind of get old to me."

So, heading into Saturday's homecoming game against North Carolina, the linemen are trying to figure out how to simultaneously feel better and play better. That could look relatively easy against the Tar Heels (1-7, 0-4), who are so horrendous on defense that they have allowed at least 500 yards six times this year.

"What's really got us is these same guys played pretty good last year," Friedgen said. "We're just kind of out of sync right now."

Last year was a bit different, and the Terps know it. Led by then-seniors Todd Wike and Matt Crawford—all-ACC selections at center and tackle, respectively—Maryland was physical up front, rushing for 198.8 yards per game. Early this week, Brattan pulled out tape of that group, which included current starters Bryant, Brooks and Eric Dumas, so they could see their former selves.

"Last year, we were being a really physical offensive line," Bryant said. "We're not doing that much this year. We're out there thinking too much, in my opinion."

Defenses, too, are giving Maryland plenty to think about. Georgia Tech's scheme involved not only blitzing linebackers and defensive backs from all angles—putting pressure on running backs to block, too—but flip-flopping defensive linemen. The Terps have done a poor job of reading those linemen and predicting what they'll do. That, in turn, has affected their technique.

"They're having a hard time right now with blocking line movement," offensive coordinator Charlie Taaffe said.

However, it is exactly the kind of defense the Terps are likely to see the rest of the way. North Carolina, though frequently overwhelmed this season, will use lots of players, keeping them fresh, and blitz frequently.

"Believe me," UNC Coach John Bunting said, "I'm sure they won't struggle against us."

Friedgen would like to agree, but he knows it's no guarantee. He has stewed over the Tech loss, he said, more than he normally does. If the line doesn't play better, he could stew some more next week.

"Know your landmark, come off the ball, and if you miss him, miss him going full speed," Friedgen told his struggling senior. "But don't be tentative. I don't need a 300-pound guard who's worried about whether he misses a guy or not. Come through your landmark and blow him up. Have some fun out there."

Terrapins Notes: Wide receiver Rich Parson (foot) is unlikely to play against North Carolina. He sat out practice yesterday and wore a protective boot. . . . Friedgen said quarterback Scott McBrien looked fully recovered from a concussion suffered in the Georgia Tech game. "We'll have to see how he is when he gets hit," Friedgen said.

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Terps hit break after cruising

By Rick Snider
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Maryland cornerback Domonique Foxworth set up a Terps score with this interception against North Carolina, but it was the offense that broke out Saturday scoring 59 points.

Maryland's renewed momentum must simmer once again. The Terrapins get their second bye in three weeks before facing visiting Virginia on Nov. 13 in a nationally televised game Thursday night.

It's not a welcomed break. Maryland's stagnant offense finally awakened and its missing confidence suddenly overflowed after thrashing North Carolina 59-21 on Saturday. The Terps (6-3, 3-2 ACC), flashing a bravado that has been long missing, are hungry for their final three games against bowl contenders.

"[Beating North Carolina] increases the appetite," receiver Steve Suter said. "We don't want to go to a bowl just because we have six wins. I want to go to the best bowl we can."

That's probably the Gator Bowl for the ACC runner-up. Maryland remains alive in the conference title chase, but Florida State (8-1, 6-0) simply needs to win one of its final two ACC games to clinch the crown. The Terps could finish second by sweeping Virginia (5-4, 3-3), N.C. State (7-3, 4-2) and Wake Forest (5-4, 3-3), respectively. One or two losses probably sends Maryland to the Tire or Tangerine bowls while a 6-6 finish likely would mean the Humanitarian Bowl.

"They needed something like this to get their confidence," coach Ralph Friedgen said. "I just wanted them to play with their hearts and pride in themselves. Do it for 60 minutes. Have fun. Don't play the game like you have a 100-pound weight on your shoulders. It doesn't look like you're going to win the conference so go out and have fun and see what happens, and they did that."

Maryland has the revenge factor against Virginia after losing 48-13 last year. The loss cost the Terps a share of their second straight ACC title. The home finale is expected to be a sellout.

"It's now a rivalry," Friedgen said. "I'm sure Virginia had a big circle on the calendar for us last year. The stadium is going to be electric. They are going to be jammed in seats all over this place. It's what I envision football should be at Byrd Stadium."

Maryland's swagger returns just in time for the final postseason push. Quarterback Scott McBrien finally played like he practices. The receivers made highlight catches, the offensive line opened gaps and the running game resurfaced as the Terps gained 612 yards and scored on their first nine possessions.

It was the type of effort expected when the Terps opened the season ranked 15th, but was evident only briefly when the Terps soundly beat West Virginia (34-7) and Clemson (21-7) during the five-game winning streak. The No. 5 scoring defense has been consistent aside from a 35-10 loss to Florida State, but it was the offense that held back the Terps. If both stay strong during the final weeks, Maryland still could earn its third straight 10-win plus season under Friedgen.

"As good as our defense is," cornerback Domonique Foxworth said, "if the offense can continue to play like that I don't think there's too many teams in the country that can play with us."

McBrien has long been the catalyst. The senior returned from a concussion against Georgia Tech to throw four touchdowns and run for two more against North Carolina. He finished 15 of 25 for a career-best 349 yards, the most yards by a Terps passer in eight years.

"Finally, it transferred over from the practice field," McBrien said. "Our whole team transferred it from the practice field. I was very loose. I was just throwing the ball. I was just going out there and winging it. I felt comfortable who I was seeing and what I was reading."

Said receiver Latrez Harrison: "I hope it was the breakout game for him. Once Scotty gets confidence it's hard to stop him."

Added Friedgen: "If Scott could play like that for the next three games I'd probably start growing hair."

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Another Gray Area

Colleges Discover Way to Put Athletes on the Layaway Plan

By Barry Svrluga
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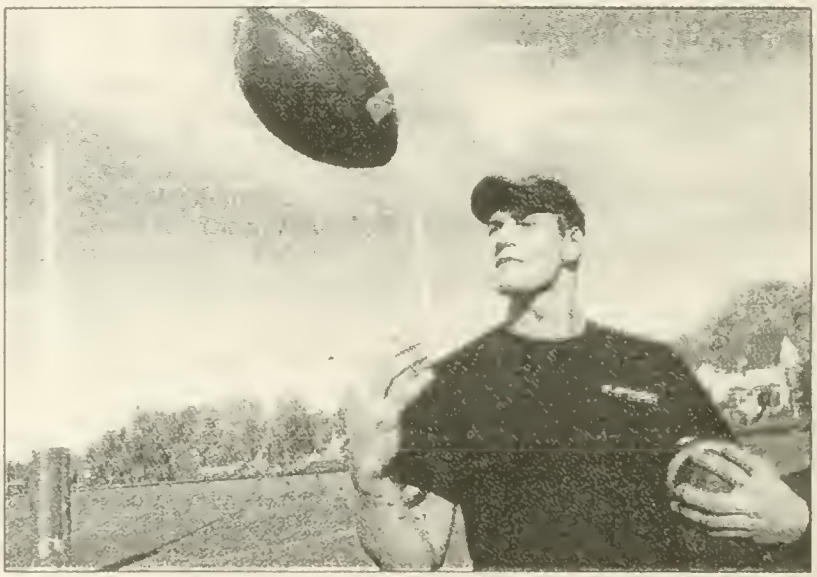
This football season, Dan Gronkowski expected to go through the experience that has become part of college sports parlance—the redshirt year—at Maryland. NCAA eligibility rules allow athletes five years to play four seasons, and football, more than any other sport, takes advantage of the practice, affording athletes an extra year to mature physically or recover from an injury.

Gronkowski worked out all summer—training with both a speed coach and a passing coach—to prepare for the experience. Instead, the quarterback from suburban Buffalo remains at home, where he works each morning at his father's business and shows up each afternoon at his old high school's practices, coaching the quarterbacks. He's still going to attend school in College Park, still going to play for the Terrapins, but because of a loophole in the NCAA's rulebook—a loophole some coaches believe is being used with increasing frequency—he won't arrive at Maryland until January. The suggestion to "grayshirt," as such delayed enrollment has become known, was made by Maryland's coaching staff.

"It was something different, something I've never heard of," Gronkowski said. "I didn't know it was going on."



BY DEREK GEE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Dan Gronkowski is a Maryland football recruit, but he will not enroll until second semester, saving the Terps a scholarship and giving him more time to prepare.

Grayshirting—a term still so unfamiliar that some college football coaches don't yet know it—involves recruiting a player out of high school, promising him a scholarship, but asking him to wait to enroll full time in school until the second semester—usually eight months after high school graduation. In the meantime, he is allowed to spend his time however he wants: working at home, taking classes part time, using the extra few months to physically prepare for college football.

The NCAA doesn't keep track of such statistics or trends, but many coaches expect more programs to grayshirt players in the future. The benefits to the program, they say, are many. Schools are allowed to issue 85 scholarships for a given semester. Some college seniors—particularly those who have redshirted and are thus in their fifth year—graduate after

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the first semester, usually in December. Rather than having those scholarships go unused in the spring, programs can bring in a grayshirted player and have him participate in spring practice. They could then be in school for five-and-a-half years. Gronkowski, for instance, will enroll at Maryland in January 2004, and could be on scholarship through the spring of 2009.

"I'm looking at the education side of it," said Gronkowski's father, Gordon, who played college football at Syracuse. "He could come out of there with a master's degree. If I can get 5½ years of school paid for, I think it's a great idea."

By delaying enrollment, schools can also sign more players in February on "national signing day" than they have scholarships available; grayshirted players don't count toward the annual limit of 25 until the spring they enroll. Thus, programs can potentially bolster their recruiting classes by staying in the hunt for more talented players, then asking a few less-talented prospects to grayshirt.

"It allows you to be very aggressive in recruiting," Maryland Coach Ralph Friedgen said. "You get down to the end [of the recruiting period], and you've got some good players that are sitting there at the end, and you don't want to get left out there [signing] nobody. You've got a little bit of a backup. . . . I'm trying to play the numbers game and still get the best players."

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Dan Gronkowski works with quarterbacks at his former high school. His first college football experience will come in spring practice.

The idea, then, would be to identify some of the players who might take longer to develop—and aren't as highly sought as some others—and encourage them to grayshirt. The process is different from "early enrollment," in which players graduate from high school in three-and-a-half years and arrive at college one semester early, using the extra time not only to get adjusted to college life, but to go through spring workouts. North Carolina State's Philip Rivers and Southern California's John David Booty, both quarterbacks, are among the players with the highest profiles to have gone through that process.

Yet in theory, at least, there is a risk to grayshirting for the player. Some grayshirts are promised a scholarship, but haven't yet signed their national letter-of-intent, the document that binds a school to an athlete, and vice versa. A coaching staff could offer a grayshirt opportunity to a player, come across a more talented player and—poof—the scholarship could be gone.

Coaches, though, say it is up to their profession to police itself.

"Any time you talk about a scholarship, whether it's an early offer to a young man who's a junior in high school or a grayshirt situation, there's got to be a trust factor between the family, the son and the university," said Greg Peterson, an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Kansas State, where the Wildcats have been grayshirting players for about a decade. "A program is only as good as the reputation of your words. If you don't follow through with that offer, word would get out quickly that your school doesn't follow up."

Washington State Coach Bill Doba said, "If a school did something like that, they'd never be able to recruit that area again."

Doba, in his first year as the Cougars' head coach, served on the WSU staff for 14 seasons. He and then-head coach Mike Price began grayshirting players seven years ago, when they recruited an undersized linebacker named Raonall Smith, who became the first grayshirt in the Pacific-10. Smith graduated from Peninsula High in Gig Harbor, Wash., in the spring of 1996, but wasn't quite ready for college football.

"I hadn't even turned 18 years old yet," Smith said. "They had a whole bunch of linebackers on the depth chart. They just told me to sit out, put on some weight, and start up fresh in January. I'd be a little bit older, some of the depth at linebacker would be gone, and I wouldn't have used any eligibility."

Smith did it, taking a course at a junior college, adding 10 pounds to his 215-pound frame. He arrived in January, sat out the next fall—his regular redshirt year—and by the time he finally took the field in the fall of 1998, he had been out of high school for two years, and had been through two spring practice sessions. By 2000, when he was a 22-year-old junior, he was honorable mention all-Pac-10.

"Grayshirting gave me a chance to learn how to deal with college courses, deal with college in general," Smith said. "But I'll tell you, I was a little antsy to get out there by the time I could. I wanted to play."

Smith graduated in four years, and by his senior season in eligibility, he could have been working on a master's degree.

"That's probably what I should have done," he said.

Instead, he took a course in order to remain eligible in the fall, his senior season, and spent the spring preparing for the NFL draft. That paid off: Smith, a second-round selection, is now in his second year with the Minnesota Vikings.

"That's not always how it works out," Doba said. "It's usually with a kid who you really think needs time to develop and can be a contributor by his junior or senior years. But I'd be surprised if more schools don't start doing it. You're trading an 18-year-old in your program, potentially, for a 23-year-old who has been with you for five years."

For Gronkowski, the hook was twofold. At 6 feet 7, other programs had recruited him as a tight end. He wanted the chance to play quarterback.

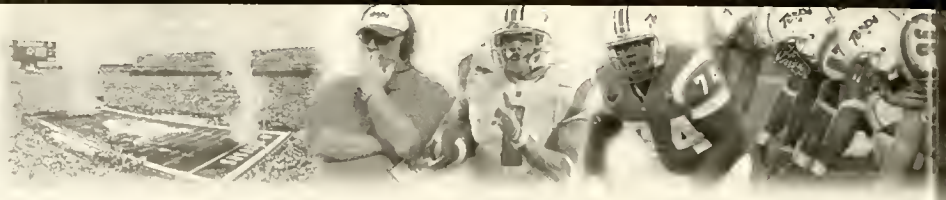
Friedgen promised him at least that chance—as long as he was willing to grayshirt.

"That's one of the main reasons I picked Maryland," Gronkowski said. "I want to play quarterback. . . . But it was hard to wait all summer, and it's hard waiting now."

During the summer, there was still a chance Gronkowski would come to Maryland in the fall. Dre' Moore, a defensive lineman from Charlotte, was also willing to grayshirt. When one Terrapin transferred before the season, a scholarship became available, and it went to Moore. No one else transferred or flunked out, so Gronkowski waited.

"It took some convincing, but I think he understands the benefits now," Gordon Gronkowski said. "He wants to play, and we trained all summer to be ready to go in the fall. He was ready to go, and you could tell he wanted to go.

"But I'm looking at the whole picture. In my class [at Syracuse], only eight of 30 players got their degrees. If he can walk out of there with not only with his undergraduate degree but with his master's [degree], or a start on his master's, then it'll be well worth it."



Offensive line takes a stand for Terrapins

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MIKE PRESTON

COLLEGE PARK — When the University of Maryland ran up 612 yards of total offense 12 days ago against North Carolina, no one knew if the Tar Heels' defense was that ad, or if the Terps' offensive ne had improved significantly.

And then came last night. Guess what? The Terps' line is healthy, happy and playing as well as can be expected for a group that has missed so much playing time together.

Maryland's offensive line of tackles Stephon Heyer, Eric Dumas, guards C.J. Brooks, Lamar Bryant and center Kyle Schmitt controlled the line of scrimmage early and late in Maryland's 27-17 win against Virginia last night at Byrd Stadium.

It was an offensive lineman's dream game, especially in the first half when Maryland had 293 yards of total offense, and the Terps bolted to a 24-7 half-time lead. The Terps' offense was so balanced because Maryland's offensive line was in such control.

The Terps rushed for 181 yards in the first half, 154 from Josh Allen, who finished with 257 for the game, the third-best single-game total in Maryland history. Allen finished with a 6.8-yards-per-carry average, and Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen with a smile.

"How about that offensive line?" said Friedgen, whose Terps finished 6-0 at home this season. "They did a nice job. When a running back puts up those kinds of numbers, it's good to be part of something like that. Josh Allen obviously had an unbelievable night. I thought our offensive line blocked very, very well.

"[Virginia] is a team that, as I said at Tuesday's press conference, had done a great job stopping the run with a seven-man box. They must have heard the press conference because they were putting eight people in the box the whole night."

After the Terps failed to mount any substantial drives in the third quarter, the offensive line helped Allen and the offense grind out. [See Preston, 6D]

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Maryland sophomore running back J[illegible] [illegible]ornerback Jermaine Hardy (36) on the Terps' final drive. All[illegible] [illegible]st the Cavaliers.

Offensive line takes stand and stands up for Terrapins

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yards and time late in the fourth quarter to secure the victory.

Virginia pulled within 24-17 with 9:15 left in the game, but Maryland answered with a 10-play, 45-yard scoring drive that ended with a 45-yard field goal from Nick Novak with 3:42 remaining. Allen ran behind Brooks for 10 yards for a critical first down on one play, and then ran for 19 more behind Brooks again down to the Cavaliers' 29 on the next play.

Maryland finished the way it started. With the running game going so smoothly in the first half, Maryland's play-action game was superb and Terps quarterback Scott McBrien was comfortable in running everything from waggles to bootlegs as he threw for 112 yards in the first two quarters, and finished with 191 for the game, completing 14 of 21 passes.

It was the second consecutive solid effort by the Terps' offensive line, and signaled that the group has returned from a season of injuries and frustration. How frustrating?

At one point this season, Friedgen criticized the group publicly, and advertised to possible incoming recruits that they should come to Maryland where they might get a chance to play immediately.

That was gutsy and bold, but also true. There were several times this season when Maryland's offensive line was decimated by injuries and morale problems. The injuries came early. Very early.

Bryant, the team's best lineman and emotional leader, broke his right foot in training camp. His replacement, Ed Tyler, had to leave the starting lineup the second week of the season with a leg infection. So did his replacement, Akil Patterson, who sprained his ankle in the second game against Florida State. That left Maryland playing with a fourth-string guard starting at one point.

Even when Maryland did get Bryant back against West Virginia in Game No. 4, he was slowed but played with an injured shoulder, and Brooks was hindered by turf toe. Once the Terps struggled against Georgia Tech [illegible] on Oct. [illegible] in a 7-[illegible] Friedgen had enough.

Friedgen [illegible] offensive lineman and [illegible] started going to offensive line meetings during the week, not to coach them, but to create some intensity. Against North Carolina, he came out so fired up that he started head butting Bryant. Then he started bumping chests with other players. The only thing missing for Friedgen was gear.

He got the Terps excited, but the North Carolina game was considered a fluke because the Tar Heels have one of, if not the worst, defenses in college football. But last night, the Terps proved themselves again.

The offensive line gave a strong effort in the first half, but seemed to lose its rhythm in the third quarter. But on their next to last offensive series, they helped power Allen and the Terps to victory. "Those two runs helped us put them [Virginia] away," said Friedgen.

Schmitt said, "After the Georgia Tech game, we were about as low as we could go. But this turnaround is just incredible. It really felt great tonight to play this way, and we just want to keep it like this. The offensive line was not going to give in tonight. With the forecast being what it was, we were excited. The offensive line really likes to play in this kind of weather."

It was a big win for Maryland, not just because of bowl bids, but because the Terps want to establish a rivalry with Virginia.

But after three years of snubbing their noses and looking down on the Terps, Virginia might want to pay a little more attention to their neighbors on the border, and we're not talking about Virginia Tech.

Last year, Virginia coach Al Groh took a slap at Maryland's schedule because the Terps went to the Peach Bowl instead of the Cavaliers, who ended up in the Continental Tire Bowl. The two sides have butted heads over recruits and exchanged some in [illegible], and last night players and coaches from both sides exchanged heated words at mid-field before the game.

But when the game started it was Maryland's offensive line that [illegible] the Cavaliers around early in the game and late in the fourth quarter when it mattered most

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Posting 'Help Wanted' Sign

Franklin Searches for Future Terps Football Players

By Eric Prisbell
Washington Post Staff Writer

Dunbar High Coach Craig Jefferies said Maryland hasn't seriously recruited any of his players this season. But that hasn't stopped James Franklin, the Terrapins' recruiting coordinator, from talking to Jefferies more than a dozen times.

From small talk to discussing X's and O's with area high school coaches, the chats have helped Maryland's staff in its pledge to lure top in-state and Washington area players to College Park. Despite losing recruiting coordinator Mike Locksley, who left for Florida after last season, and dealing with the uncertainty of an NCAA investigation for part of the offseason, the Terps are poised to haul in their best recruiting class during Coach Ralph Friedgen's three-year tenure.

Much of the success can be traced to Franklin, the high-energy former East Stroudsburg quarterback who is balancing firming up recruiting with duties as wide receivers coach for the remainder of the regular season.

"I didn't think they'd be able to replace Locksley," Jefferies said. "But Franklin has a good rapport with area coaches. They recruit the family, the coach and the high school. . . . We have an open-door policy; they can come on campus and talk. I don't see why other coaches don't take advantage of it."

To date, Maryland has 17 oral commitments—including at least two grayshirts or players who have delayed enrollment—in a class highlighted by players such as George Covington, a speedy Eleanor Roosevelt High defensive end. The Terps remain in the running for a few heralded local players as well, such as Covington's teammate Derrick Harvey, a 6-foot-5 defensive end.

Entrenched in a critical stretch of games that Friedgen has said "defines the season," the Terps not only are determining which bowl offers them an invitation, but also are molding their national reputation. Friedgen acknowledged that last week's nationally televised victory over Virginia was important because of who was watching—namely, recruits interested in both rival programs.

Before the game, Franklin's energy was apparent at midfield, where he and Virginia Coach Al Groh exchanged words after a Cavaliers player ran through the Terps' drills. Exuding enthusiasm and optimism, Franklin said, is a requisite for a coach because, for one reason, it "shows a recruit how excited you are about the young man's future. It's contagious."

NCAA rules prohibit coaches from commenting on unsigned recruits. But Franklin, who worked as receivers coach at Idaho State before joining the Terps in 2000, spoke about Maryland's general philosophy and the challenge of in-state recruiting.

"We're recruiting for a national championship," said Franklin, who is scheduling official visits for high school players during three weeks in December. "Our number one priority is to keep the top players in Maryland home. After that, we recruit the entire East Coast, from Maine to Florida."

Franklin acknowledged the Terps' classes are not yet at the level of perennial college football powers, which often yield more depth on the lines and speed in the secondary and at wide receiver. That said, Maryland's national reputation has soared under Friedgen, according to Allen Wallace, publisher of the recruiting magazine SuperPrep.

"Maryland now is viewed as a program that can compete with anyone," Wallace said. Maryland "is very tied to the head coach, who is a key to its program. Friedgen is viewed as one of the most important coaches who has transitioned into the head coach position in the last five years. Almost like a miracle worker."

From talking to thousands of college-bound athletes since 1985, Wallace said 99 percent of high school players are not swayed if a school they are considering wins or loses a rivalry game such as Maryland-Virginia. More meaningful, he said, is the gut feeling players get from meeting the college coaching staff and the tradition a school has established.

Before Friedgen's arrival for the 2001 season, the Terps struggled with in-state recruiting, losing local players to Penn State and Notre Dame, among others. The Terps won as many games in 2001 (10) as Maryland had won the previous two seasons combined.

Franklin said Maryland's shift toward homegrown talent has rendered only one caveat: Teams now know they can win with Maryland players, which has fostered even greater recruiting competition.

"Now, we don't have to sell the dream," Franklin said. "We show the positive things that are happening."

Notes: Maryland linebacker-defensive end Shawne Merriman (concussion) practiced some yesterday but will see only limited time Saturday against North Carolina State in pass-rushing situations, Friedgen said. Left tackle Stephon Heyer and safety Andrew Smith have been suffering from the flu, but practiced yesterday.

Offensive lineman Russell Bonham was injured after tripping on the turf during Wednesday's indoor practice and probably won't make the trip to Raleigh, N.C., Friedgen said.

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BY JOHN MCDONNELL — THE WASHINGTON POST

Former Terrapin Jess Atkinson films Ralph Friedgen addressing his football team. Atkinson gets access to program; Friedgen approves content.

Subject With Approval

FridgeTV.com Stands Alone Among College Coaches' Web Sites

By Barry Svrluga
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The face of Maryland football coach Ralph Friedgen turned pink, then red, then [illegible] as he paced the locker room [illegible] Stadium, bellowing at his team.

"I want you to [illegible] tive!" he screamed. [illegible]

The pregame spe[illegible] of privacy between co[illegible] on the Internet in the d[illegible] land's game against Nor[illegible] able to Terrapins' fans everyw[illegible]

FridgeTV.com, an Internet [illegible] Web site, is perhaps the most advanced example of college coaches around the country communicating directly with fans, donors—and potential recruits—through the Internet.

With their profession suffering from an image problem so severe that the National Association of Basketball Coaches held a mandatory summit last month to discuss the issue, and with popular chat rooms at fan produced sites often spreading wildly inaccurate allegations about them, coaches [illegible] asingly using their own Web sites [illegible] their message.

[illegible] process, they have found a way to [illegible] with recruits that isn't covered by the strict NCAA regulations governing contact with high school athletes—and, in some cases, bring in extra revenue.

"College athletics have become such a big business that there's been a move to a corporate mentality," Purdue University communications professor Glenn Sparks said. "Like any corporation, you have to manage your public image. You have to appease the appetite for press coverage, but by putting stuff out there yourself, you're taking control of your own image and taking away opportunities for real investigative coverage."

In some ways, Maryland and the college

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coaches are merely following the path taken by professional sports leagues. Major League Baseball hired reporters and editors, many from newspapers, to produce its in-house Web site, MLB.com. The NFL last week launched its own television channel, NFL Network, and its Web site, NFL.com, offers live game updates and news dispatches from the Associated Press. The sites have proven immensely popular with fans during their seasons. NFL.com and the affiliated sites of each NFL team had 517 million page views and 12.1 million unique users in October alone. Some NFL teams have hired local newspaper reporters to provide coverage of themselves.

FridgeTV.com takes the approach a step further by allowing access to moments that all other media outlets are barred by school rules from covering.

"You can't tell the story the way it deserves to be told—from the inside," said Jess Atkinson, the man behind FridgeTV.com.

Atkinson became Maryland's career leading scorer as a place kicker in the 1980s and spent 12 years as a television reporter—including at Channel 4 from 1990 to '96 and at Channel 9 from 2000 to '02. He said he became frustrated with the constraints of local sports newscasts, which are being de-emphasized nationally in deference to a fan base trained to find highlights on ESPN's "SportsCenter."

So in July, Atkinson went to Friedgen and pitched his idea for a Web site that would go beyond those of other coaches. He wanted to produce feature-length stories on the Terrapins and broadcast Friedgen's news conferences live. He wanted on-demand TV solely devoted to Maryland football.

"The Maryland football fan, the only way he gets information on his football team nowadays is the newspaper," Atkinson said. "How does he get moving images? Local TV is not in the business of sports anymore. It just isn't. They don't have the time and resources. My idea was to use the access that a team can grant to essentially communicate what a program is about to the people who want to see it—when they want to see it."

They see, of course, what Friedgen wants them to see. Because the coach and Atkinson had a previous relationship—Atkinson played at Maryland when Friedgen was an assistant coach there—Friedgen felt comfortable allowing Atkinson into the locker room. Atkinson is permitted to stay at practice after the mainstream media is escorted out. There are some things—such as individual or group meetings with players—that Friedgen hasn't allowed to be taped, but Atkinson generally has free rein. Friedgen can afford to allow that, because before anything goes on the site, the coach looks it over and offers suggestions.

"I told him that I would never want one of my kids embarrassed," Friedgen said. "I don't want any cursing on there. I think it's important to get the emotions and the feelings of the team out there, but there are limits. . . . I just think we have to be careful. It's a very powerful medium."

FridgeTV.com is a more advanced version of college coaches' Web sites, which have existed since the late 1990s, both in conjunction with universities and independent of them. When Mack Brown arrived to coach the University of Texas's football team in late 1997, he suggested the development of his own Web site to Bill Little, who then served as the school's sports information director, the liaison between the athletic department and the media. Little said he understood the implication as soon as the site—originally called mackbrown.com—was launched.

"When we did this, I told the guys in the office, 'We're going back in the newspaper business,' " Little said. "For years, the job of the SID was to provide information to the media to try to reach the public. Now, the public comes to us."

They do so, at least in part, because in-house productions provide something traditional media can't have: full access.

"It's a way of controlling the message about the program, but not by excluding other information," said Keith Woods, a faculty member at the Poynter Institute, a school for journalists in St. Petersburg, Fla. "Instead, they're relying on the notion that the value of this information is so potent that you won't ask for more."

Eric Lieberman, associate counsel for The Washington Post, said the special access granted to FridgeTV.com is unfair to other media outlets.

"We don't believe that the University of Maryland should be granting this kind of exclusive access to anyone," Lieberman said. "It is unwise as a matter of policy. It also raises First Amendment concerns because the university is a state school."

Maryland Athletic Director Debbie Yow defended the arrangement.

Atkinson "is not in the media; he's a businessman," Yow said. "Our legal office worked with us every step of the way on this—every step of the way. We talked it to death. That kind of access could only be given to someone you trust. Video is reviewed before we put it up. We're comfortable with it."

In some cases, coaches' interest in developing their own Web sites came from the Internet itself. Independent, fan-produced sites, most featuring message boards and chat rooms where users can discuss their teams' fortunes, are now a staple of college athletics. At Virginia Tech, football coach Frank Beamer felt that too many rumors were being spread through the Hokies' fan site, techsideline.com. His response: The development of beamerball.com, which debuted in September 2000.

"We knew the Internet was going to be another avenue to find out about Virginia Tech football," said John Ballein, one of Beamer's close friends and an associate athletic director for football operations who is responsible for the site. "This was an avenue for us to provide accurate information."

For now, at least, FridgeTV.com is free. Subscribers to beamerball.com, however, pay $39.95 per year, allowing them daily practice reports, pictures from the locker room, a section with messages from Beamer's wife called "Cheryl's Corner" along with other news and updates. Most coaches' Web sites provide similar content. Seven sponsors—mostly Blacksburg-based businesses—appear on the beamerball.com home page, providing revenue beyond the subscriptions, of which Ballein will only say the goal is 10,000 members, "and we're on our way to our goal," he said. Beamer—who earns $1.025 million annually from the school and through media and athletic apparel contracts—uses the money to supplement the income of his coaching staff "pretty well," Ballein said.

Because Virginia Tech's athletic department couldn't come up with funds to pay the coaching staff more, it approved of the site. But in the early going, there were instances when stories broke on beamerball.com when the university would have preferred to release the information itself.

"There were some minor conflicts in that first year," Virginia Tech Athletic Director Jim Weaver said. "But it was just as we were all getting used to working together on the thing."

The uses of such sites are almost endless. At Texas, two Longhorns players host a weekly show on what is now known as mackbrown-texasfootball.com called "Kickin' it with the 'Horns," offering interviews with players ribbing each other that can't be seen anywhere else. Each week, the players answer 10 questions from folks who have logged on.

"We've gotten questions from Canada, Paris, Florida, Georgia, places you wouldn't even think people cared," said wide receiver B.J. Johnson, one of the show's hosts. "We try to talk about things that people don't know about the players, about what goes on in the locker room and on the sideline during games, that you can't see anywhere else."

That, Johnson said, is appealing to high school players who might come to Texas. FridgeTV.com, too, has recruiting in mind. Each week, Atkinson plans on producing a story on different aspects of the program, such as the academic advisers who check on whether players go to class.

"Ralph will never have to say to a parent, when he goes into a home recruiting, 'Listen, if your kid is going through a rough time, I'll take care of him,' " Atkinson said. "He can say, 'Click on this site, and I'll show you how I take care of my players.' "

The NCAA has a labyrinth of rules dictating when coaches can contact high school players, right down to how many phone calls can be made in a given week. The NCAA, however, says it has no way to monitor such Web sites. Potentially, at least, they can become avenues for coaches to reach Web-savvy teenagers—even during times when direct contact is disallowed. In the past, this contact was done primarily through the U.S. mail.

Now, in the Internet age, the NCAA does not regulate how many e-mails coaching staffs send to high school players. The organization, in fact, is struggling to keep up with how—or if—it should monitor such contact.

"It's a little bit tricky," said Delise O'Meally, the NCAA's director of membership services. "We have been trying to look at it over the last couple of years, as technology has exploded. But it's probably gotten a little ahead of us. Our rules were written 10 or 15 years ago. We're trying to address the issues as they come up, but it moves quickly."

Atkinson believes the model behind FridgeTV.com will spread quickly to other schools, and he is prepared to help them construct similar sites. Right now, the site doesn't generate revenue for Friedgen—whose total compensation approaches $1 million—or the coaching staff. Atkinson, though, has a business model that provides for syndication opportunities should regular television stations want to buy content, content that's much different from the rosters and statistics that most college Web sites offer.

"For them, that's okay," he said. "For the future, I don't think that's okay, because as people get into the content business, as I turn Maryland into a broadcast outlet, as more people do that, the quality of what's broadcast is going to have to continually rise. You'll be in the arms race as far as video coverage of college athletics goes."

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Allen's ego isn't runaway threat

UM sophomore sparkles given chance but accepts role when Perry healthy

By KEVIN VAN VALKENBURG
SUN STAFF

COLLEGE PARK — Josh Allen has speed. He's got power. He's got vision, and he's got guts. When he ran for 257 yards against Virginia on national television last week, he got the attention of the entire country.

But this season, it's been the thing Allen lacks that has made him such an asset to Maryland.

"He doesn't have an ego," said Terps coach Ralph Friedgen.

That comes in pretty handy if you're constantly tinkering and tweaking an offense, as Friedgen is with Maryland. At times this year, Allen has been a classic feature back, like last week when he carried the ball 38 times in the Terps' 27-17 defeat of the Cavaliers. But other times, Allen has stood patiently on the sidelines, willing to take a back seat to senior Bruce Perry, who has fought a two-year battle with injuries.

Allen

Against Georgia Tech, Allen had just five carries. Against Florida State, he touched the ball only twice. Allen, a sophomore, has still managed to lead Maryland with 718 yards rushing, and he has scored nine touchdowns in 10 games, easily the best on the team.

"There's certainly been a few times when I felt like I could have made a difference," said the soft-spoken Allen. "You can't be a competitive person if you don't think that way. But I trust the coaching staff, and I've just tried to keep working hard in practice to show them I'm capable of doing the job."

Friedgen has always had faith in Allen, going back to his high [illegible] at Eleanor Roosevelt in Greenbelt. But at the time, Maryland had a surplus of ball carriers, and Friedgen made it clear to his assistants. Don't recruit [illegible] backs.

"I was [illegible] to end up with 20 running backs and no offensive linemen," he said.

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Aided by this 80-yard touchdown run, Josh Allen rushed for 257 yards on 38 carries against Virginia on national television last week.

Something about Allen, however, made Friedgen change his mind. For starters, he decided, this kid had character. Secondly, Friedgen thought if he didn't sign Allen, it would haunt him for years. Georgia Tech was one of Allen's major suitors, and imagining him galloping through Maryland's defense made the decision an easy one.

Finding him a consistent spot in the lineup has proven to be more difficult. Allen averaged 6.8 yards a carry as a true freshman and scored eight touchdowns in as many games, but playing behind Perry and Chris Downs limited him to 60 carries for the year. Both players, Allen concedes, were better pass blockers, and that meant more than any of the big plays he was making. Those included a 70-yard touchdown run against West Virginia and a 60-yard run against North Carolina.

"Physically, I think I was ready," Allen said. "But mentally, I still had a lot to learn. I tend to look back and think about the bad stuff more than I do the good stuff, the blocks I could have made or times I might have run harder."

There is a quiet confidence to Allen, however. He doesn't scream or pump his fist, but he won't back down, either. When Perry and Sam Maldonado were both injured against North Carolina, Maryland's coaching staff wasn't sure what to do heading into the Virginia game. Friedgen spent the week trying to decide whether to burn the redshirt year of freshman Lance Ball. In the hotel the day of the game, quarterback Scott McBrien pulled Allen aside.

"How about 100 yards tonight?" McBrien said.

"How about 200?" Allen responded.

Allen had 154 yards going into the locker room, thanks in great part to an 80-yard run in the second quarter — the Terps' longest of the year. Allen took the handoff, bounced outside and got a great block from tight end Jeff Dugan, and outran two Virginia players to the end zone.

"The entire time I felt like I couldn't run because it was so cold," Allen said. "I kept thinking, 'Well, I hope it's affecting them more than it's affecting me.'"

It was the only time all game Allen had to look over his shoulder. For the first time all season, it was his game to win or lose.

"Sometimes the beginning of the game is like the first round of a boxing match, when two fighters are just feeling things out. As it goes on, you recognize tendencies and read the defense better," he said.

This week, Perry is back from an ankle injury, and the two of them will likely split carries again as Maryland travels to N.C. State. Friedgen acknowledged this week that, if this were the NFL or a player with more ego, he'd likely have to work overtime massaging egos, making sure someone didn't feel slighted by the arrangement. Not the case with Allen.

"I don't ever feel the need to talk to let people know what I can do," Allen said. "If I work hard, I know I'll get to show my potential. Talk doesn't matter much once you're out there."

Next for Terps

Matchup: Maryland (7-3, 4-2) vs. N.C. State (7-4, 4-3)
Site: Carter-Finley Stadium, Raleigh, N.C.
When: Tomorrow, 3:30 p.m.
TV/Radio: Chs. 2, 7/WBAL (1090 AM)
Line: N.C. State by 1

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Friedgen, Billick: 2 ways to reach heart, light a fire

AS THE UNIVERSITY of Maryland and the Ravens staged miraculous fourth quarter comebacks over the weekend, it wasn't just the explosive offenses that won games, but also the strong personalities of the coaches that played key roles.

If Terps coach Ralph Friedgen and Ravens boss Brian Billick have one thing in common, it's that they get their teams to play with passion. The Terps haven't quit on Friedgen in a game in three years. Except for the last game of his first season against New England in 1999, the Ravens have played equally as hard for Billick.

The Terps erased a 14-point deficit against North Carolina State on Saturday night to win, 26-24, and the Ravens overcame a 17-point deficit in the fourth quarter for a 44-41 overtime victory over Seattle on Sunday.

Whew. What gives?

It's charisma and motivation; the ability to reach a team's soul. Some coaches have it; a lot of them don't. Evidently, Friedgen and Billick have it. Just look at the game film.

The Ravens were extremely lucky Sunday and got some breaks from the officiating crew. But they also got plays from the usual playmakers, such as safety Ed Reed and inside linebacker Ray Lewis.

Quarterback Anthony Wright and receiver Marcus Robinson, two players who had contributed very little, came through in the second half.

Seattle should have won the game, and the Ravens could have easily folded before the fourth quarter, but that's not their style. Billick's forte is holding a team together and keeping the players focused.

Down at Maryland, the Terps should be thankful Wolfpack coach Chuck Amato blows a fuse with his [See Preston, 6c]

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play calling in tight games. But just as importantly, the Terps also showed great resolve. They got a big hit from linebacker Leroy Ambush and several key plays from quarterback Scott McBrien.

Kicker Nick Novak, who missed an extra point that could have tied the game, redeemed himself by converting the game-winning 43-yard field goal with 23 seconds left.

Again, the Terps didn't quit. It has to be something special about the coaches.

"The biggest challenge as a coach, in the pros or college, is dealing with the collective personnel of your team," said Billick.

The message from Billick and Friedgen is the same, one of setting goals and being accountable. Both believe in fast-paced practices, but on scaling them down late in the season.

Maryland is 10-2 from November on under Friedgen, and Billick is 24-12 in November and December since 1999. Both are regarded as players' coaches, but they have different styles.

Billick is more of a salesman and psychologist with the $50 words and the blustery, confrontational style. Arrogant? Yes. Friedgen is more quiet, direct and uses more one-syllable words. Cocky? Without question.

Fridge is Bubba. Billick is Freud.

Anybody or anything can become Public Enemy No. 1 of the week with Billick. He is liberal on bed checks on the road and curfew during training camp. The team offers a number of programs to the players dealing with investments and finances and seminars on drugs and alcohol abuse.

A lot of NFL coaches don't bother with such things.

"I grew up in white, middle-class, suburban L.A.," said Billick. "For me to lay some of that morality on them about what they should and shouldn't be doing off the field isn't going to work.

"We try to mentor them with different programs, even though the agents and financial advisers may want to distance us. We try to take it easy on them in practice, keep their legs fresh in November and December, when it means something ... I think they appreciate some of the things we do," said Billick. "So when I do push the pedal to the medal, they respond."

Billick defuses problems in advance. He has already spoken with running back Jamal Lewis about his goals of breaking the single-season rushing mark, but has told him he won't risk injuring him in the last game if the Ravens already are playoff-bound, record or no record.

"There is a natural self-interest of, 'How do I get mine?' said Billick. "It's fine to acknowledge that it exists and to give them the latitude to enhance that, but as long as it doesn't affect the team. You can't wait until the problem happens. Players appreciate the communication and working it out like men."

Friedgen is dealing with younger men. His approach is a little different. He puts a lot of pressure on seniors to lead and is more rah-rah. He has been known to toss a few chairs and tables at halftime. He head-butted and chest-bumped players before the North Carolina game. He stands up and sings the school fight song after games.

The players love this kind of stuff.

Like Billick, Friedgen is going to fight for his players. He got a new dining room facility for his players on campus. He was instrumental in getting additions to the football field house.

But unlike Billick, Friedgen can't allow as much freedom to his players. He is more of a father figure on campus. He has to be, because some of his players haven't experienced such things as flying on an airplane or even traveling to another state. A college coach has greater impact on a player's life than a pro coach.

Friedgen is also direct. He points at himself when the Terps run a bad play. He is so blunt that it might get him in trouble one day.

On Saturday night, Friedgen said he saw his team come together as a family. The Ravens might one day point to Sunday's game against Seattle as their turning point, too.

"In the pros, what you represent is an authority figure," said Billick. "In college, it in itself creates a certain authority that most kids aren't going to violate. They may think you're as screwed up as Hogan's goat, but they won't say it. At this level, the players will tell you. ... Whichever level you're on, you better be prepared."

Billick and Friedgen seem to have done it very well

JOHN MAKELY / SUN STAFF

Dealing with younger players, Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen (above) is something of a father figure to the Terps and takes a more disciplined approach than does the Ravens' Brian Billick.

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Terps' Ambush enjoys being big hit

Fumble-inducing tackle puts senior in spotlight

By KEVIN VAN VALKENBURG
SUN STAFF

COLLEGE PARK — When Leroy Ambush awakes each morning, bleary-eyed and reluctant to drag himself to class, he rolls out of bed, boots up his computer, and watches the wicked hit he put on North Carolina State running back T.A. McLendon.

"It makes it pretty easy to get motivated to go to class," Ambush said.

Ambush isn't the only one whose mornings are brighter from watching the hit, which caused McLendon to fumble and allowed Maryland to come back and defeat N.C. State, 26-24, on a last-second field goal. Scores of Terps fans have downloaded the video clip of Ambush's hit, and the play has also been shown repeatedly on ESPN. Coach Ralph Friedgen went so far as to say the hit would go down as one of the great plays in Maryland history. It has certainly made Ambush's morning walk across campus an exciting affair.

"[Monday], people I've never seen before were coming up to me and congratulating me," Ambush said. "After the game, I probably had like 20 missed calls on my cell phone."

Some of the most heartfelt thanks came from Nick Novak, who had just [*See Terps, 3c*]

DAVID HOBBY : SUN STAFF

Once known more for his practice hits than for his game collisions, Maryland linebacker Leroy Ambush no longer is a secret.

Next for Terps

Matchup: Maryland (8-3, 5-2) vs. Wake Forest (5-6, 3-4)

Site: Groves Stadium, Winston-Salem, N.C.

When: Saturday, 3:30 p.m.

TV/Radio: ESPN/WBAL (1090 AM)

Line: Maryland by 8

Maryland's Ambush enjoys being big hit

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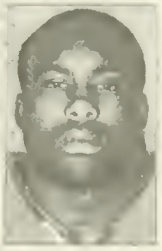
missed an extra point minutes before that left the Terps trailing 24-23. When Maryland recovered the fumble with 1:46 remaining, Novak got a shot at redemption, and made a 43-yard field goal for the win.

"He always tells me I'm the man," Ambush said of Novak. "I felt real bad for Nick after missing that extra point. I wanted to do anything I could do to help him out. I knew if he got another chance, he'd knock it down."


Ambush

Ambush, a senior, has always had a reputation for being a big hitter at Maryland, but most of his helmet-rattling licks have come during practice, and as a result, gotten little attention outside the Terps' locker room. But that changed last week. McLendon dashed through the hole and avoided defensive end Kevin Eli. In the process, he put himself directly in Ambush's path, and the 6-foot-1, 231-pound linebacker from Thomas Johnson hit him so hard, McLendon's head hit the ground before his feet did.

"Honestly, I had no clue the ball came out," Ambush said. "My intention ... was just to get him on the ground so we could line back up and play some more defense. But when I got up and saw everybody jumping around, I figured something good must have happened."

Ambush suspects he has watched the replay 25 times.

"I watch it at least three or four times a night when I go home," Ambush said. "It hasn't really sunk in yet. I've had big hits, but never one that changed the game like that."

Ambush's career, in fact, has been steady, but for the most part, quiet until now. A two-year starter, Ambush plays the "Sam" linebacker position in Maryland's defense, which requires him to line up on the same side as the tight end. It's not the flashiest position, but it isn't an easy one to fill either.

"He'll be one of the tougher guys to replace next year," Friedgen said. "I think he's one of the unsung heroes of this team. He's very consistent. It's hard to find big strong guys that can line up over the tight end that can also play in coverage."

Ambush, who is seventh on the team in tackles with 44, doesn't mind that the focus and attention is often elsewhere.

"Everybody has a role on the team," he said. "I might not be the person in there making all the tackles, scoring all the touchdowns, but everybody's role is just as valuable. ... If I'm not making the play, I'm sure I'm doing something to help somebody else make the play."

He's had plenty of opportunities to relive his moment in the sun, including multiple times with his parents.

"My mom was jumping up and down but she really didn't know what was going on," Ambush said. "She couldn't see the play because she was too short to see over the fans in front of her. She called a bunch of times and wanted to talk about it."

Ambush smiled when he heard Friedgen said the hit would go down in Maryland lore, but shook his head about being an unsung hero.

"It's just being in the right place at the right time," Ambush said. "Anyone probably could have made the play. It just so happens I was the one that did."

NOTES: Friedgen said running back **Josh Allen** (ankle sprain) and wide receiver **Latrez Harrison** (groin injury) are doubtful for Saturday's game. Tight end **Jeff Dugan** (concussion), who practiced yesterday, and cornerback **Curome Cox** (leg bruise) are questionable.

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Finding Shelter From the Storm

Terps' Merriman Didn't Have It Easy Growing Up. Now, He Wants to Help Others.

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Shawne Merriman's body is divided in two, left and right, good and bad.

Tattoos trail down both halves. On his left arm, a cross with a crown of thorns, a symbol for eternal life, another cross entwined with the words, "Forgive me Father." The good. On his right arm, the Japanese symbol for extreme pain, an evil-looking Superman figure surrounded by flames, a light switch to match his football-playing nickname, "Lights Out." The bad.

It is what he has gone through in just 19 years, so much good now that he is one of Maryland's most important and talented defensive players. And so much bad.

The days leading up to Thanksgiving brought a chill over the practice fields in College Park, where Merriman—a sophomore linebacker-defensive end—and the Terrapins spent the last hours of daylight preparing for Saturday's regular season finale at Wake Forest. The cold hits Merriman hard. You wouldn't know it by looking at him, imposing at 6 feet 3, 246 pounds, unflappable, energetic—happy to be playing football. But that crispness in the air rattles him, reminds him.

"This time of year, there's so many people out there that won't be able to afford coats," Merriman said. "I know the feeling."

He lived the feeling. Polished and polite off the field, disciplined and determined on it, he doesn't exactly give off a vibe that his upbringing was, at times, brutal, that he didn't always have a winter coat, that he some-

See MERRIMAN, *D7, Col. 1*

BY JOHN MCDONNELL—THE WASHINGTON POST

Shawne Merriman sometimes went without some basics, including a winter coat. He is behind a Maryland drive to collect coats for those in need.

Merriman Finds a Way To Help His Community

MERRIMAN, *From D1*

times didn't have heat, that his home life was so unsettled he occasionally lived with coaches. It's all hidden behind a smile nearly as broad as his shoulders.

"He's got the greatest laugh," said Bill Johnson, his coach at Douglass High in Upper Marlboro. He rarely speaks about the cold days from his past. He would rather do something about them.

Tuesday night, Maryland will hold the Shawne Merriman Coat Drive. Fans who attend the basketball game against Wisconsin at Comcast Center will be encouraged to bring their old, used winter coats. The collection will be donated to the Prince George's County Family Shelter Program, which will pass them on to those in need.

The drive was Merriman's idea. It seems a simple gesture, an athlete on the brink of becoming a star giving something back. It is, however, rooted in Merriman's complex past.

"Growing up, not knowing what you're going to come home to after you leave the field, whether you're going to come home and the lights are going to be off or whether there's going to be food there, it was hard, very hard," Merriman said. "I know my mom tried the best she could, but it wasn't always enough."

Seeking a Place to Live

Gloria Williams was all of 16 when she gave birth to a 10-pound baby boy, Shawne, a kid so big that at a Washington Bullets fan function former star Wes Unseld held up the baby and said, "Our next Bullet."

By the time she was 18, Williams had a daughter, Sada. Merriman's father was rarely, if ever, in the picture. Williams was too young to handle it all, living in Chesterfield, Md., where Williams said drugs were so prevalent on the street that she wouldn't let her kids go outside.

"It wasn't the happiest time of our lives," she said.

In February 1993, a teenager tossed a Molotov cocktail through a window in the family's Marlboro Pike apartment complex. He wanted to warn a resident who had witnessed a murder that she had better keep quiet.

It was that kind of neighborhood.

The building burned. A 1-year-old girl died. Fifty residents—including Gloria Williams and her two kids—were left displaced, out in the cold.

"We lost everything," she said. "There was nothing left for us at all."

Yet they moved back in, only to find more trouble. Bullets ripped through the patio door one Friday night, driving the mother and two kids into a closet, huddled together, trying to sleep. That was it. Too much.

"I broke down and turned it over to God," Williams said. "I couldn't control myself. I cried. I told him I needed him to pick me up, pick up my children. I had had enough of that neighborhood."

By Saturday morning, she had rented a U-Haul. She had no place to go. She left anyway, and landed for a time in Forestville. Eventually, they moved to Upper Marlboro.

"There was so much stuff going on," Merriman said. "There was negativity all around me."

Williams eventually married and had a third child, another daughter, Jaelund. But for Merriman, there were new problems. Williams would have a job, then lose it, have one, then lose it again. Merriman simply didn't have what other kids at school took for granted. A little spending money. Even food. His home life was, at best, unstable—not that he let anyone know.

"He's an introvert, and he didn't say a lot," said J.C. Pinkney, the head coach at Douglass who was an assistant when Merriman was there. "When I first got to know him, we had to pry and try to really get him to say what the heck was going on. It was affecting his performance at school. You could just tell: He wasn't the normal, happy kid. He wasn't eating enough. He never had pocket money."

Williams's troubles were deep. Court documents show that her criminal record goes back to 1988, when she was charged with assault. Her legal file is dotted with various charges, including an ongoing case for forging prescriptions. In 1998, she filed for bankruptcy. She prefers not to talk about it all now. "It's private," she said.

As turbulent as things were, Merriman sticks up for his mother. "She did everything in her power," he said. "I love her to death for that, no matter what."

"He is so fiercely loyal," Pinkney said. "If you have Shawne on your side, you know it would take so much—so much—for him to turn."

One cold night, as autumn turned to winter and Merriman was a junior at Douglass, he stayed after school to watch the seniors practice for an all-star game. A Douglass assistant coach dropped him off at home.

Merriman got out of the car, and the coach drove away. But when he went inside, there was no heat, no electricity. Merriman headed to a friend's house for the night. The phone rang at 5:30 a.m.: Come home. Come home!

Williams's townhouse was on fire. She had lit candles for warmth, and fell asleep.

"It was my fault," she said. "It was all my fault."

Merriman raced home, was there by 6. "One side of the house was totally gone," he said. "It was harsh, man. All the tough things I was going through already, this added on to it. I don't know how I got through it."

His eyes well up at the memory, still fresh. He called Pinkney, hysterical.

"He was floored," Pinkney said. "His life was totally flipped upside down."

Pinkney offered to do whatever Merriman needed. He gave him a bed. He gave him meals. He gave him a chance. Merriman had developed into a star player, and there were whispers around the Douglass community that the coaches were catering to him. Not so, Pinkney said.

"Some of the kids thought we spent a lot of time on Shawne because of his talent," he said. "They never knew what he was going through. He got a lot of attention from me because his situation was a lot different."

Merriman remains thankful for Pinkney. They talk often, visit in person as much as possible.

"He was not only a coach," Merriman said, "but he was an adult figure in my life that I could rely on."

BY JOHN MCDONNELL — THE WASHINGTON POST

Merriman: "Growing up, not knowing . . . whether you're going to come home and the lights are going to be off or whether there's going to be food there."

Football as a Focus

Sports as savior. So many times, we hear these stories. In Merriman's case, though, it is both trite and accurate to say that sports pulled him through, kept him focused, helped him mature, gave him a goal—provided him with a purpose. All of it, from football and basketball.

"I was blessed, all the way coming up, to have great coaches that looked out for me," he said. "Boys Club, and on up through high school. And I just love football so much."

When Merriman played at Douglass as a ninth-grader, he was already 6 feet tall, but just 175 pounds, Johnson said. The first thing he ever said to Pinkney was, "Coach, all I want to do is hit."

Which he did. As his body filled out, and his speed picked up, his recruitment became fierce. Notre Dame. Syracuse. So many letters and phone calls, the coaching staff didn't always tell him who was writing, who was on the other end of the line. "He always loved Maryland," Pinkney said.

Normally, such a player would attract an in-home visit from a program's head coach. Ralph Friedgen, Maryland's head coach, discussed it with Mike Locksley, the assistant who coordinated the Terrapins' recruiting effort.

"I got the feeling Shawne didn't want me to come to his house," Friedgen said.

He didn't. Merriman committed to the Terps as a junior.

As a senior, Merriman became Douglass' all-time leading tackler. He was first-team All-Met. He was named a high school all-American by various recruiting magazines. Once at Maryland, he played as a freshman. Now, as a sophomore, he is perhaps the Terps' most dynamic defensive player, the one who, more often than others, makes fans stand up and say, "Wow, look at that hit."

"He has that kind of ability," Friedgen said. "You don't find his combination of size and speed very often. He has to continue to get better, but he will, because he works so hard at it."

The simple conclusion would be that Merriman works at it as a way to escape his upbringing, that he is using sports as his way out. Naturally, he thinks about a future in the NFL. "You try not to think about it too much, because you'd get distracted," he said. "But at the same time, if anybody wants to say that they don't think about it, especially at this level, then they wouldn't be telling the truth."

But as he runs sprints this week, he would like to think that his motivation would be to play well and win.

"Everybody needs to know how to direct that motivation, whatever motivation you have inside," Merriman said. "I love to play football. I love to hit. That's just who I am. I don't feel like I've made it yet. Whether I make it is still up for grabs."

'I'm Blessed'

In some ways, though, those around him say he has made it.

"I'm so, so proud of him," Williams said. "I would be lying if I said it was always easy. There were times [when] I couldn't pay my rent, and other things. But Shawne, he's very smart. He'd always work. He's made me proud."

During the rough spots, when Merriman was staying at Pinkney's house or working out before school, playing basketball at 5:45 a.m., Pinkney would remind Merriman of what he was going through, how he was persevering.

"I always told him: You remember where you came from," Pinkney said. "You remember how it was, and if you can give back, you be a man and you give back."

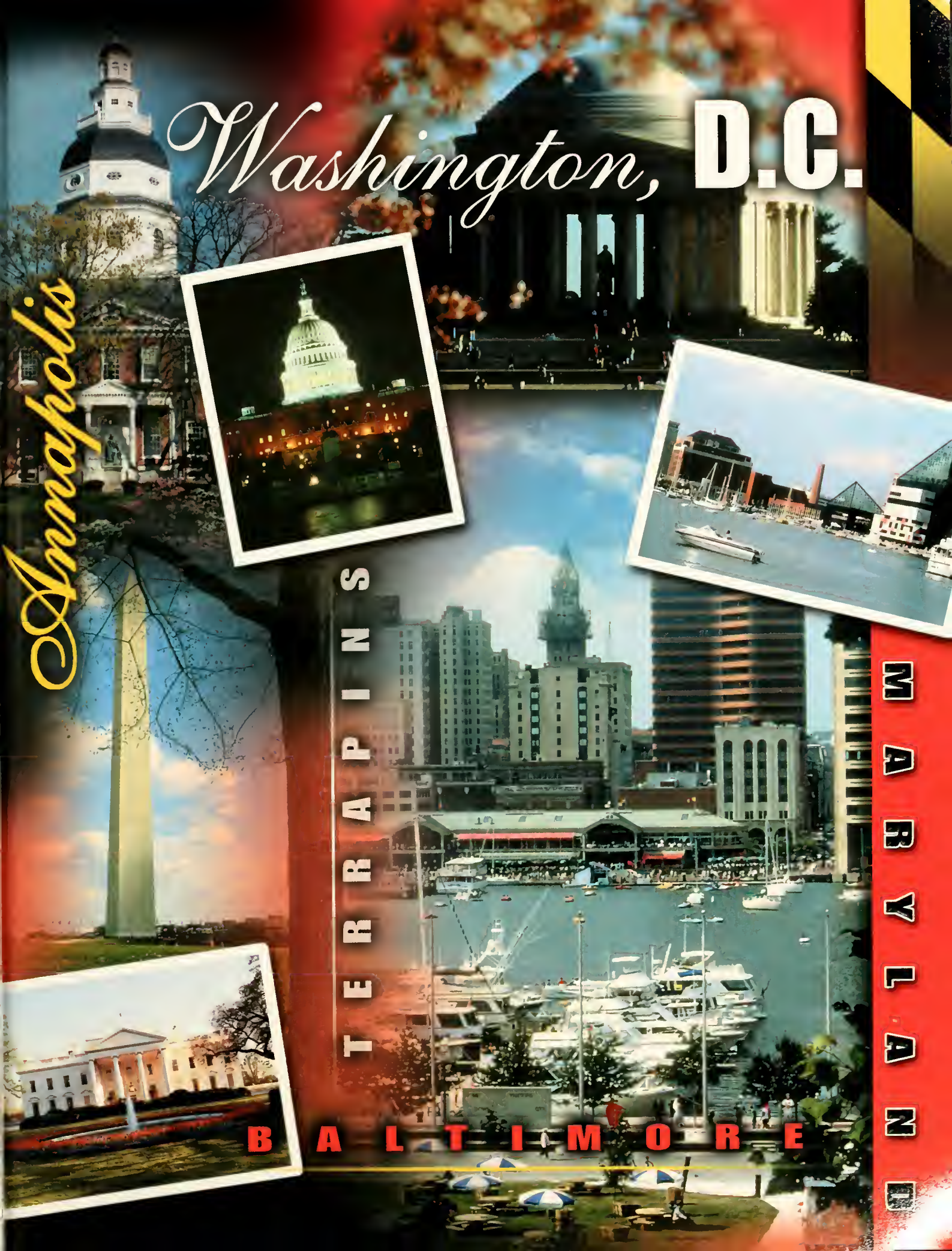
Now, he's doing it. It's hard to remember, as Merriman said, "I'm just 19. I might not look like it, but I'm 19."

His tattoos, Merriman said, serve as a reminder of what he has gone through in his 19 years, both good and bad, of the differences in his personality on and off the field. The final tattoo Merriman received spans his massive back, from the left shoulder blade, over on the good side, to the right, the bad. It is of a coliseum, where gladiators fight.

"I've just had to fight, like a gladiator, for what I have," he said. "It definitely built a lot of character that I have now. I've always realized that I'm blessed, even [considering] where I came from, and how I grew up, because people who grew up like me are not supposed to make it this far, aren't supposed to be on this level I'm at right now. I'm blessed."

Tuesday night, he will stand outside Comcast Center, collect coats and try to make sure others are, too.

Staff researcher Julie Tate contributed to this report.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